

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 440	Course Title : Theory of the State
Required / Elective : elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: The nature of the state. The absolutist, constitutionalist, ethical, class and the pluralist theories of the State.	Textbook / Required Material : reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This class will explore the formation of the modern nation state in the West and elsewhere. The major focus of the class will be to understand the economic and political processes that gave way to the rise of the modern state institution and democratic political systems in the West. The class will also investigate why such processes were absent in other parts of the world such as the Middle East and Africa and how the absence of such processes and (particularly the lack of a tax-paying bourgeoisie) prevented the expansion of democratic rights and effective governance in parts of the developing world. The class will also consider the impact of the state institution on political life, public-private relations, and the future of the state in the globalizing world.</p>	
Design content : n/a	Computer usage: required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the historical, economic, and political processes which shaped the formation of the modern state • Understand the relationship between tax-paying and right for representation • Understand the difference between state size and state efficiency • Understand the “public-private” distinction • Analyze the ways in which the state can shape political and economic life and be shaped by them • Compare and contrast different state establishments in different parts of the world • Use course information to analyze new cases regarding the role of the state, and present such analyses through research papers and class presentation 	
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures, class discussion, videotapes/slides</p>	
<p>Assessment methods:</p> <p>Class participation: 10%</p> <p>Midterm Exam:20%</p> <p>Research Paper: 15%</p> <p>Class Presentation: 15%</p> <p>Final exam: 40%</p>	

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events			X		
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions				X	
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture				X	
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations			X		
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects				X	
IR6	Understand the international legal framework			X		
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations			X		
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					X
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					X
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects				X	
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)				X	
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)		X			
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought				X	
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics			X		

8	Think independently, creatively, and critically			X		
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative		X			
10	Have self-confidence			X		
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences				X	
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups		X			
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms			X		
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly			X		
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public			X		
16	Understand, read, and write in English				X	
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report				X	
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research	X				
19	Understand and interpret statistical data	X				
20	Be prone to team work		X			
21	Possess computer and technological literacy	X				

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	55 hrs
Lectures and discussions	40 hrs
Presentations	15hrs
Papers	10hrs
Examinations (midterm and final)	5 hrs
TOTAL	125 hrs (25X5) 5 ECTS

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