



POLITICAL THEORY, EMPHASIS

The Political Theory emphasis offers a deep dive into the intellectual roots and evolving narratives that have shaped political thought and practice throughout history. This specialization engages students with the critical study of political ideologies, from ancient philosophies to contemporary theories, examining how these ideas influence governance, social justice, human rights, and democratic processes. Through a curriculum that emphasizes critical analysis and theoretical application, students explore the works of seminal thinkers and the contexts in which these ideas emerged, gaining insights into the philosophical debates that continue to drive political discourse today. This emphasis not only nurtures a profound understanding of political concepts but also hones the analytical skills necessary for dissecting complex political arguments and crafting persuasive critiques. Students are encouraged to contemplate the ethical dimensions of political action and the role of theory in shaping policy and societal norms. Ideal for those pursuing careers in academia, law, policy analysis, or any field where strategic thinking and ethical consideration are paramount, the Political Theory specialization equips graduates with the intellectual foundation to navigate the challenges of modern governance and contribute thoughtfully to the advancement of democratic ideals and social justice.

Political Theory Emphasis

(PSC 200 Models of Politics and PSC 402 Politics of the Undead will be added to the course list once available in CIM. They are active courses, this is a CIM issue.)

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Select 15 credit hours: | | 15 |
| PSC 403  | War and Pop Culture | |
| PSC 418 | American Political Thought II | |
| PSC 419 | Women and Political Thought | |
| PSC 421 | American Political Thought I | |
| PSC 425 | Classical Political Thought | |
| PSC 426 | Modern Political Thought | |
| PSC 429  | Conflict and Revolution | |
| PSC 430 | Political Ideologies | |
| PSC 435 | Harry Potter and Pol. Theory | |
| PSC 440 | Power in American Society | |
| PSC 466 | Appalachian Politics | |
| PSC 478 | Politics and Video Games | |