

25512 - Political philosophy I

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 25512 - Political philosophy I

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 269 - Degree in Philosophy
587 - Degree in Philosophy

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 2

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

See "Learning tasks " and "Syllabus".

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

4.2.Learning tasks

This is a 6 ECTS course organized as follows:

- Lectures.
- Practice sessions.
- Autonomous work and study.
- Assessment tasks.

4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- **Topic 1.** Introduction: The origin of the political community. S. Freud. R. Girard. The Pharmakos
- **Topic 2.** Sophistry: Pedagogy of the political virtues. Physis / nomos distinction. The origin of contractualism:

Glaucon's speech in the book Ilo of the Republic. God as a political invention: Critias

- **Topic 3.** Thucydides as a political thinker: Thucydides features of historiography. Politics and history. Melian dialogue
- **Topic 4.** Plato: political implications of Platonic ontology. The politeia. Politics and Anthropology: The estates of the polis and parts of the soul. The three functions of G. Dumézil. Prince philosopher. The Sophrosune. Political reading of the myth of the cave. The trip to Syracuse and Laws.
- **Topic 5.** Aristotle: "Architectural" and anthropological politics. Character Man as "political animal". Political regimes.
- **Topic 6.** Stoicism: The disintegration of the classical polis. The Stoic logos and its political implications. The cosmos as polis. The origin of public international law. Cicero.
- **Topic 7.** The medieval political theology: The two Augustinian cities. The monarchy and its theological legitimation. The two bodies of the king.
- **Topic 8.** The modernity: Features of modernity. Origin and characteristics of the State.
- **Topic 9.** Machiavelli: The emancipation of politics regarding morality. Human nature according to Machiavelli. Virtue and fortune. The origin of the State, laws and religion.
- **Topic 10.** Hobbes: Fear as political passion. Politics as calculation. The contract. The monarchy.
- **Topic 11.** Spinoza: Ethics: geometry of passions. Law and law. The state as a compound individual. The conatus of the crowd. Spinoza's sense of democracy.

4.4.Course planning and calendar

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts website (academic calendar: <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>, timetable: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources