

## 28154 - History of Political Ideas

### Syllabus Information

**Academic year:** 2024/25

**Subject:** 28154 - History of Political Ideas

**Faculty / School:** 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

**Degree:** 418 - Degree in History

**ECTS:** 5.0

**Year:** 4

**Semester:** Second semester

**Subject type:** Optional

**Module:**

### 1. General information

The study of political ideas is oriented to know the intellectual foundations that have allowed sustaining power in different moments of history or building an alternative to the constituted power. This is based on the analysis of the works of the main theoreticians and the most important currents of political thought in history. This formulation does not leave aside the relationship between theory and praxis, connecting the genesis of concepts and ideas with the cultural contexts in which they are socially rooted, thus influencing their historical dimension.

These approaches and objectives are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations (2030 Agenda (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>)).

Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Goal 17: Alliances to Achieve Objectives.

### 2. Learning results

*In order to pass this subject, students must demonstrate the following learning results:*

Be able to critically read historiographical texts taking into account that historical debate and research are under permanent construction.

Use bibliographic, archival, computer and technical tools that allow access to historical information.

Organize complex historical information in a coherent manner in order to interpret it in a reasoned way.

Relate past historical processes to the present and think critically about the social realities of the present and the past.

### 3. Syllabus

1. Introduction.
2. Science, Reason and Enlightenment.
3. The French Revolution, laboratory of politics.
4. Counterrevolution and other forms of resistance to change.
5. Post-revolutionary liberalism and nationalism.
6. Socialism and anarchism.
7. Totalitarianisms.
8. Political thought in the era of postmodernism.

### 4. Academic activities

The program offers the students help to achieve the expected results and comprises the following activities:

Classroom classes (1.25 ECTS): 31.25 hours.  
Readings and personal work (2.75 ECTS): 67.5 hours.  
Practical activities (0.5 ECTS): 12.5 hours.  
Tutorial activity (0,33 ECTS): 8.75 hours.  
Assessment activity or exam (0.16 ECTS): 3.75 hours.

## 5. Assessment system

First call

- Continuous assessment system (for groups of less than 25 students).

Test 1. Recension. This is a critical exercise on a classic work of political thought or a monograph on the subject. 30% of the grade.

Test 2. Written test . Answer two out of three questions proposed by the teacher on the day of the exam. 50% of the grade.

Test 3. Text commentaries: comments on texts that the student will present in writing. 20% of the grade.

Analytical capacity, expressive and logical solvency of the argumentation will be valued.

- Global assessment test:

Test 1. It will consist of a written test, of 3 hours maximum, which will include the commentary of one or several texts and the extensive development of one or two topics included -in whole or in part- in the syllabus of the subject. With this exercise, the student will be able to obtain 80% of the final grade.

Test 2. Recension. This is a critical exercise on a classic work of political thought or a monograph on the subject. 20% of the grade.

Second call

- Global evaluation test: identical criteria as in the first call.

## 6. Sustainable Development Goals

4 - Quality Education

5 - Gender Equality

10 - Reduction of Inequalities