



Code: SPS/01

Credits: 10

Matter: Political Philosophy

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

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Introduction

1. Objective of the course :

Political Philosophy course aims to provide students with a theoretical knowledge to understand the models and concepts with which philosophy and political theory have tried to face the issue of living in society and the organization of the political power.

Objectives

2. Course Structure:

The course takes into consideration some of the fundamental models and concepts with which, in its long history, the Political Philosophy has tried to face the issue of living in society and of the organization of the political power. The class focuses three of the most meaningful paradigms of the political philosophy that are at the origin of the western tradition: the Greek polis, the relationship between the city of man and the city of God, and the modern State. Some of the most favored concepts and topics of modern political theory that have characterized the thought on the relationship between the State and the citizen are also taken into consideration: liberty, democracy, socialism, liberalism and federalism.

Competencies:

- To develop a critical and in-depth understanding of the main concepts, the key conceptual categories and the central theoretical models of Western political thought. At the end of the course students will acquire the basic knowledge about authors, concepts and doctrines that have contributed to form the European philosophical-political tradition from its origins to the present day

- To acquire capacity for critical analysis and interpretation of past and present national and international policy scenarios
- To learn the ability to critically interpret texts and to place different authors and different strands of political thought in relation to each other
- To communicate clearly and write in a correct way brief considerations on the main issues of ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary politics, through the analysis of the thought of the main authors who have contributed to shaping the Western political thought ancient and modern.
- Have obtained methodological mastery and learning skills useful for access to future professions related to understanding and managing policy processes.

Syllabus

3. Programme of the course:

Module 1: Political philosophy and the Greek polis

Module 2: The city of man and the city of God

Module 3: The origins of the modern state and the theories of sovereignty

Module 4: Political concepts and theories: freedom, democracy, liberalism, socialism

Module 5: Philosophy and practice of federalism

Evaluation system and criteria

The assessments of course is based on the following criteria:

I) Final exam (50% of grade):

This exam will have two parts:

- 1) An objective test or multiple choice answers, the student should tick the right answer.
- 2) A written test, in which the student should choose 1 question out of 3. That question will correspond to a specific point headings contained in the program of the sessions of the course. The evaluation of the written test will be determined by the degree of knowledge, training and legal rigor that is manifested in the response to the question and, not least, also assess the correction in the expression of legal language. The contents of the response are considered for qualification with explanations correspond mainly given by the professor during the lecture sessions, with regulatory support and case law indicated in these sessions. Also, consider the

complement of learning with recommended reading. Each part of the exam will assess a 50% of the grade corresponding to the final exam.

Bibliography and resources

4. Materials to consult:

Lecture notes (provided by the professor)

5. Recommended bibliography:

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- Vegetti Mario, *Quindici lezioni su Platone*, Einaudi, Torino, 2003
- *Il senso di una guerra. Ragione, nazione, passione, irrazionalità alle origini della Grande Guerra*, edited by Giangiacomo Vale, Roma, Nuova Cultura, 2016
- *Ripensare il federalismo. Prospettive storico-filosofiche*, edited by Silvio Berardi and Giangiacomo Vale, Roma, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2013
- *Patriottismo, Risorgimento e Unità nazionale*, Atti del Convegno: Roma, Camera dei Deputati, 24 maggio 2001, edited by Silvio Berardi, Roma, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2012