

Course Description**PHM2300 | Political Philosophy | 3.00 credits**

In this foundation course in philosophy, students will delve into the major political theories by studying the ideas of various political philosophers. As part of the curriculum, the course will also explore the use of the Western canon, which encompasses the influential works of thinkers from ancient Greece to the present day. By engaging with the Western canon, students will gain a deeper understanding of the philosophical concepts that underlie modern societies, including fundamental notions such as rights, duties, legal obligations, and freedoms. This exploration will equip them with the tools necessary to critically evaluate the policies and practices of contemporary societies, fostering a well-rounded perspective in their analysis and discussions.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of Political Philosophy and terms such as laws, rights, and obligations by:

1. Defining key vocabulary related to laws, rights, and obligations
2. Articulating various theories related to laws, rights, and obligations
3. Analyzing and evaluating ideas related to laws, rights, and obligations

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of Political Philosophy and various political theories such as liberalism, socialism, communism, and egalitarianism by:

1. Defining key vocabulary related to philosophical theories such as liberalism, socialism, communism, and egalitarianism
2. Articulating various theories related to various philosophical theories such as liberalism, socialism, communism, and egalitarianism
3. Analyzing and evaluating ideas related to philosophical theories such as liberalism, socialism, communism, and egalitarianism

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of Political Philosophy and various philosophical concepts such as economic and social equality, liberty, and property by:

1. Defining key vocabulary related to various philosophical theories such as economic and social equality, liberty and property
2. Articulating various theories related to various philosophical theories, such as economic and social equality, liberty, and property
3. Analyzing and evaluating ideas related to philosophical theories such as economic and social equality, liberty, and property

Learning Outcomes

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society