Bemidji State University

POL 3400: Political Theory

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: *.*
   Lab Hours/Week: *.*
   OJT Hours/Week: *.*
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None

   This course surveys the development of western political thought. Included is an examination of some of
   the ideas and values associated with major social and political movements in Europe and the United
   States. Topics will vary and may include liberalism, conservatism, populism, democracy, communism,
   nationalism, fascism, environmentalism, realism, and feminism. POL 1100 or consent of instructor. (Might
   not be offered every year.)

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/13/2014 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS
   1. The End of Ideology ¿ Again?
   2. Liberalism
   3. Conservatism
   4. Socialism
   5. Anarchism
   6. Fascism
   7. Environmentalism and Ecology
   8. Nationalism and Globalization

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
   1. better understand how the views of the relationship between individual and government has changed
      and evolved over time and circumstances
   2. be exposed to varying ideas about human nature and politics
   3. gain enhanced critical thinking about the line between self and society - where do rights and
      responsibilities start and stop
   4. be able to apply concepts of political thought to contemporary politics
   5. know the context for complex and evolving global political landscape
   6. be able to identify competing visions of politics and place them in historical and philosophical
      context

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted