

# 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