PHIL 2307-900: Intro to Social and Political Philosophy (Hybrid)
Fall 2024
Tuesdays 2:00pm-3:15pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to different philosophical responses to the question: How should we, as humans, live together? Throughout the course we'll examine the philosophical roots of key political values like liberty, equality, and justice and explore how our understanding of these values shape contemporary politics, communities, material conditions, and individual lives. This is a hybrid course with required weekly in-person meetings and asynchronous online components.

OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Communicate in writing and in class discussion a clear understanding and analysis of key terms, theories, and concepts in social and political philosophy.

- Exercise critical thinking skills in reading, analyzing, synthesizing, and critiquing texts in social and political philosophy.

- Demonstrate an ability to connect and apply course content to contemporary social and political issues and reflect on what it means to live a socially and politically responsibly life.

REQUIRED TEXT

There is no required text for this course. All readings will be available through Blackboard.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading Journal Entries (10) 20% of final grade (2% each)
2. Participation Logs (2)   20% of final grade (10% each)
3. Exams (3)   60% of final grade (20% each)
4. Attendance