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**OFFICE HOURS:** CCC 472  
Tues/Thurs 10:00am-11:00am

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course compares *ideas* about democracy as they were formulated amidst revolutions during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries to democracy as it is *practiced* today in the United States. As an upper-division interdisciplinary course our approach to the topic, the learning materials selected, and the projects all combine interpretation of concepts with data from political science.

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will ...

- explain how a plurality of ideas shape political disagreements.
  - employ interpretive skills to analyze concepts.
  - apply social scientific concepts to explain political behavior.
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### GRADE ALLOCATION

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attendance/Participation	200
Take-Home Exams (x2)	250
<b>Total</b>	700

<b>A</b>	700 - 651	<b>C+</b>	560 - 541
<b>A-</b>	650 - 631	<b>C</b>	540 - 511
<b>B+</b>	630 - 611	<b>C-</b>	510 - 491
<b>B</b>	610 - 581	<b>D+</b>	490 - 456
<b>B-</b>	580 - 561	<b>D</b>	455 - 421
		<b>F</b>	420 - 0

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### REQUIRED MATERIALS

#### TEXT RENTAL.

Michael L. Morgan, editor. *Classics of Moral and Political Theory*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Hackett Publishing, 2011.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS.

Materials marked with an asterisk (\*) are distributed electronically via UWSP's learning management software Canvas.

09.03-09.06	TOPIC: INTRODUCTION
	ASSIGNMENT: Dahl, 'What is Democracy' and 'What Political Institutions Does Large-Scale Democracy Require?' (*)
09.09-09.13	TOPIC: MORALITY AND POLITICS
	ASSIGNMENT: Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> (Ch. 3, 6-8, 15-18, 25)
09.16-09.20	TOPIC: MORALITY AND POLITICS
	ASSIGNMENT: Goldwater, "Conscience of a Conservative" (*) and Kirk, " <a href="#">Ten Conservative Principles</a> " (*)
09.23-09.27	TOPIC: MORALITY AND POLITICS
	ASSIGNMENT: Haidt, <i>The Righteous Mind</i> (pp. 150-179) (*) VIDEO: Haidt, " <a href="#">The Moral Roots of Liberals and Conservatives</a> " (*)
09.30-10.04	TOPIC: REPRESENTING THE POPULAR WILL
	ASSIGNMENT: Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (pp. 579-80; 593-4; 609-612; 618-622; 633-39; 648-52)
10.07-10.11	TOPIC: REPRESENTING THE POPULAR WILL
	ASSIGNMENT: Rousseau, <i>On the Social Contract</i> (pp. 882-9; 891-902)
10.14-10.18	TOPIC: REPRESENTING THE POPULAR WILL
	ASSIGNMENT: Achens and Bartel, <i>Democracy for Realists</i> (p. 21-51) (*)
10.21-10.25	TOPIC: PLURAL CIVIL SOCIETY
	VIDEO: <i>Children of Men</i> (2006) <b>EXAM 1 DUE - OCT. 25</b>
10.28-11.01	TOPIC: PLURAL CIVIL SOCIETY
	ASSIGNMENT: Locke, "Letter Concerning Toleration" (pp. 778-80; 787-9; 792-5) <i>Second Treatise of Government</i> (p. 713-25; 732-46; 764-7)
11.04-11.08	TOPIC: PLURAL CIVIL SOCIETY
	ASSIGNMENT: Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone" (*)
11.11-11.15	TOPIC: PLURAL CIVIL SOCIETY
	ASSIGNMENT: Madison, <i>Federalist</i> , "No. 10" (*) Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> (excerpt) (*)
11.18-11.22	TOPIC: PLURAL CIVIL SOCIETY
	ASSIGNMENT: Hetherington and Rudolph, <i>Why Washington Won't Work</i> (p. 72-96) (*)
11.25-11.29	TOPIC: INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
	ASSIGNMENT: Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> (pp. 1017-22)
12.02-12.06	TOPIC: INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
	ASSIGNMENT: Friedman, <i>Capitalism and Freedom</i> (excerpt) (*)
12.09-12.13	TOPIC: INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
	VIDEO: <i>Up in the Air</i> (2010)
12.16-12.20	<b>EXAM 2 DUE DURING FINAL EXAM PERIOD</b>

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