# COURSE OUTLINE

**POT 3302 - DW60 (59329), Summer 2021**

# Modern Political Ideologies

Department of Political Science
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida
3 credit hours

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**Regular Office Hours: Mondays 10 am to noon.**

**Or by appointment scheduled via email for a Zoom meeting.**
**The instructor is available any day of the week and would be please to talk to you.**
**There is no need to cancel work or skip class for us to talk over Zoom.**

## I. Course Description

Ideologies are sets of ideas inspiring, guiding, and justifying political behavior, social institutions, and government policy. They help make sense of the world around us. They guide political action. They structure political identity for some people and some organizations. As such, they are important and inescapable features of modern politics.

Some ideologies have led to great achievements. Think of the emergence of representative governments elected by all citizens -- the result of liberal, socialist, and feminist pressures. Or again, think of the equalization of gender statuses in both law and social practices in response to feminism.

However, ideologies have also moved people to commit terrible deeds in the name of dubious abstractions. Think of the systematic killing of European Jews and others by Nazism in the name of German national redemption and racial purity. Think of the cruel internment of millions of so-called “dissidents” in Soviet labor camps in the name of building a workers’ paradise.

In brief, this course examines the ideologies that contributed to shape global politics in the 20$^{th}$ and 21$^{st}$ century.

## II. Course Materials: Procure one Textbook and access to *Packback.*

You will need to have ready access to the following textbook:

Terrence Ball, Richard Dagger and Daniel O'Neill
*Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal*.
Routledge, **11th edition**, ISBN: 9780367235116.
**AVOID EARLIER EDITIONS**
**(The 11th edition contains updated information on which you will be queried.)**

**IN ADDITION TO THE TEXTBOOK**, we will also use an electronic platform called *Packback* to facilitate discussion on issues of evaluation among participants (Part B Questions). This platform presents advantages over Webcourses for that purpose. (We will also use Webcourses for quizzes and Part A Reading Comprehension Questions).

A fee of 29$ applies to access the *Packback* platform. **You will soon receive an invitation to join Backpack in your UCF email (monitor your spam box as well).** In the meantime, you may visit the platform's website at: https://www.packback.co/

## III. Basic Course Expectations

Students are expected to: (1) always have a working connection to the internet; (2) to promptly procure the textbook and access to Packback; (3) to take quizzes and submit Part A and Part B answers in due time in normal circumstances; (4) to respect the rules of academic honesty, in particular never to present text not their own as their own wording. (5) In most cases to paraphrase contents from the textbook rather than use direct quotes.

## IV. Student Learning Outcomes

LO-1: Students will be able to describe with a high degree of accuracy the central values, main ideas, and assumptions of the major political ideologies influencing the modern political world, namely: liberalism, libertarianism, conservatism, Nazism/fascism, communism, social-democracy, green politics, feminism, identity politics, and radical Islamic fundamentalism.

LO-2: Students will be able to describe with a high degree of accuracy how the triadic model of freedom (agent, obstacle, goal) is variously defined in all the ideologies listed above.

LO-3: Students will be able to describe with a high degree of accuracy how ideologies arbitrarily and uncritically fix and reduce what are essentially multidimensional,

equivocal, and contested concepts such as democracy, liberty, equality, and human nature.

LO-4: In their final essay, students will be able to demonstrate sophisticated critical thinking in answers to Part B question in Packback.

### V. Assessment Overview

**NOTE:** The semester unfolds in 8 weeks.
Week 1 starts on Monday 5/17 and ends on Monday 5/24.
Week 2 starts on Monday 5/24 and ends on Monday 5/31
and so on until Week 8 ending on Monday July 12.

Before Course Perception of Ideologies is due on Friday 5/21 (frees financial aid).

## Two electronic platforms:

**Webcourses** for the weekly quiz and for answering Part A reading comprehension questions. Webcourses is basically where you demonstrate you understood the weeks readings.

**Packback** for (1) answering the instructor's evaluation question, and (2) formulating your own original critical thinking question concerning the week's readings, and (3) answering one other student's question. Packback is basically where you reflect on the reading's meaning in dialogue with class participants.

### Assessment Overview

| WHAT?<br>Description | WHEN?<br>Deadlines | WORTH<br>Course<br>Points | WHY?<br>Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Before Course Perception of Ideologies** | Friday 5/15, 11:59pm<br>Attach file labeled:<br>LASTNAME_Before | **1** | Free up your financial aid and prepares your After-Course Statement. |

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| **Weekly Quiz Average**<br>Each quiz is over 38 points. An average is used to compute the final course grade. | Weeks 1-8<br>by Monday Evenings<br>11:59 P.M.<br>due 5/24 to 7/12 | **38** | Verify mastery of subject matter with multiple choice questions. |
| **Weekly Discussion Post Average**<br>**Part A**<br>**Reading Comprehension**<br>**In Webcourses**<br>Each weekly post is over 40 points. An average is used to compute the final course grade. | Weeks 1-8<br>by Monday Evenings<br>11:59 P.M.<br>due 5/24 to 7/12 | **40** | Verify mastery of subject matter with narrative questions. |
| **Weekly Discussion Post Average**<br>**Part B**<br>**Evaluation**<br>**In Packback**<br>Each set of weekly post is over 20 points. An average is used to compute the final course grade. | Weeks 1-8<br>by Monday Evenings<br>11:59 P.M.<br>due 5/24 to 7/12 | **20** | Develop evaluation of ideas through interaction with other class participants. |
| **After Course Perception of Ideologies** | Wednesday 7/14,<br>11:59 PM<br>Upload file labelled:<br>LASTNAME_After | **1** | Students reflect on, and evaluate, their learning. |
| **TOTAL** | | **100** | |

| Grading Scale (%) | |
|---|---|
| 94-100 | A |
| 90-93 | A- |
| 87-89 | B+ |
| 84-86 | B |
| 80-83 | B- |
| 77-79 | C+ |
| 74-76 | C |
| 70-73 | C- |
| 67-69 | D+ |
| 64-66 | D |
| 60-63 | D- |
| 0 - 59 | F |

**VI. Course Prerequisites**

Course prerequisites include an open mind and a readiness to reflect on the subject matter. There are no prerequisites in the sense of having completed specific previous courses beyond English Composition.

**VII. Course Credits**

3 credits

**VIII. Course Schedule**

**The Weekly Discussion Board updates the Course Outline: in case of a discrepancy between the Course Outline and the Webcourses Discussion Board of the week, the Webcourses Weekly Discussion Board is correct.**

## Week 1, Monday 5/17 to Monday 5/24: What is an Ideology? What is Democracy?

Read the Course Outline.
Read Ball et al., chapters 1 and 2.

Instructor's Remarks and or video documents will occasionally be assigned on any given week. Follow the instructions given in the Weekly Discussion Board.

**Turn in your BEFORE course submission before Friday 5/21 at 11:59 PM**, upload a Word file labelled with your last name, ex.: NAME_Before.

## Week 2, May 24 to May 31: Liberalism

- Read Ball et al., chapter 3 Liberalism.

## Week 3, May 31 to June 7: Conservatism

- Read Ball et al., chapter 4 Conservatism.

## Week 4, June 7 to June 14: Socialism I

- Read Ball and Dagger, chapter 5.

## Week 5, June 14 to June 21: Socialism II

- Read Ball and Dagger, chapter 6.

## Week 6, June 21 to June 28: Fascism

- Read Ball et al. chapter 7.

## Week 7, June 28 to July 5: Identity Politics

- Read Ball et al. chapter 8.

## Weeks 8 July 5 to July 12: Green Politics + Radical Islam

- Read Ball et al. chapters 9 and10.

**IX. Policy Statements**

**Required Statement Regarding COVID-19**

**Notifications in Case of Changes to Course Modality**

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for announcements or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

**COVID-19 and Illness Notification**
Students who believe they may have a COVID-19 diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place.

Students should not come to campus if they are ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID-19 symptoms. CDC guidance for COVID-19 symptoms is located here: (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for any illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made. When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

**In Case of Faculty Illness**
If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for announcements or email in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

**Course Accessibility and Disability COVID-19 Supplemental Statement**
Accommodations may need to be added or adjusted should this course shift from an on-campus to a remote format. Students with disabilities should speak with their instructor and should contact sas@ucf.edu to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses.

**Make-up Exams and Assignments**
Per university policy, you are allowed to submit make-up work (or an equivalent, alternate assignment) for university-sponsored events, religious observances, or legal obligations (such as jury duty). If this participation conflicts with your course assignments, I will offer a reasonable opportunity for you to complete missed assignments and/or exams. The make-up assignment and grading scale will be equivalent to the missed assignment and its grading scale. Please contact me ahead of time to notify me of upcoming needs.

Can’t make the deadline for other reasons than those listed above? Contact the instructor with an explanation and a request for a specific deadline extension. Note that my flexibility on deadline vanishes as we approach the end of the semester.

**Academic Integrity**
Students should familiarize themselves with UCF's Rules of Conduct. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in:

- *Unauthorized assistance*: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
- *Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means*: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
- *Commercial Use of Academic Material*: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
- *Falsifying or misrepresenting* the student's own academic work.
- *Plagiarism*: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
- *Multiple Submissions*: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
- *Helping another violate* academic behavior standards.
- ***Marien's addition to UCF policy:*** the listing of works cited but not materially used in a post or essay also constitutes a breach of academic honesty. It misrepresents the depth of research done.

For more information about Academic Integrity, students may consult The Center for Academic Integrity.
For more information about plagiarism and misuse of sources, see "Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices".
**Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating**
Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, The Golden Rule. UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary, respond to academic misconduct. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, suspension or expulsion from the university, and/or a "Z Designation" on a student's official transcript indicating academic dishonesty, where the final grade for this course will be preceded by the letter Z. For more information about the Z Designation, see http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/zgrade.

**Turinitin.com**:

In this course the instructor may utilize turnitin.com, an automated system which instructors can use to quickly and easily compare each student's assignment with billions of web sites, as well as an enormous database of student papers that grows with each submission. The instructor submits your texts to Turnitin at his discretion. Student found guilty of plagiarism will receive a failing grade for the entire course and may incur additional penalties.

**In particular, weekly postings must be original**. To ensure originality, students are not able to view classmates' posts before they have themselves posted in the Discussion Board. Students are also not able to edit their postings after having posted it in the Discussion Board. **It is strongly recommended that you compose your post in a word processing file, review it there for content and style and only then paste the final product in the Discussion Board.**

Quizzes are individual exercises with open access to the materials but limited time to answer the questions.

**Course Accessibility Statement**
The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with Student Accessibility Services (Ferrell Commons 185, sas@ucf.edu, phone (407) 823-2371). Through Student Accessibility Services, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential access and accommodations that might be reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student.

**Campus Safety Statement**
Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise in our class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of the surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Please make a note of the guide's physical location and consider reviewing the online version at http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html.
- Students should know the evacuation routes from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a medical emergency during class, we may need to access a first aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those items are located in this building, see http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/workplacesafety.html (click on link from menu on left).
- To stay informed about emergency situations, sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to my.ucf.edu and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the tool bar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on your Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert," fill out

the information, including your e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."

- Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.
- To learn about how to manage an active-shooter situation on campus or elsewhere, consider viewing this video. You CAN Survive an Active Shooter

**Deployed Active-Duty Military Students**
If you are a deployed active-duty military student and feel that you may need a special accommodation due to that unique status, please contact your instructor to discuss your circumstances.

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**Third-Party Software and FERPA**
During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need not make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.