Political Philosophy

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021) **Review date: 29-06-2020**

Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Political Philosophy is an intellectual and philosophical perspective on political activity and the conduct of citizens and politicians. It touches on both Ethics and Philosophy of Law as well as the various sciences that study politics. So, because it offers us a global view of the important human domain, that is politics, the subject of Political Philosophy could be considered an important aid and a necessary component for students of Journalism students.

OBJECTIVES

General aims of the subject ¿Political Philosophy¿

1.- Understanding the role of politics in society in general.
2.- Studying the relevant concepts needed to understand politics.
3.- Analysing political problems and situations from an interdisciplinary approach.
4.- Studying the works of the more relevant political thinkers in History.
5.- Facilitating analysis and debate and ethical valoration of current political problems and possible solutions
6.- Appreciation of the need to understand and evaluate politics from an intellectual, critical and rigorous view.

Specific aspects on which the student will be assessed

1.- Knowledge and understanding of the various topics covered in the program
2.- Analytical capacity and critical perspective
3.- Relating political problems to other aspects of society.
4.- Rigorous approach to different questions and academic effort

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Lecture 1.- Concept of Politics
Lecture 2.- Ethics and Politics
Lecture 3.- Law and Political Power. The reason of State
Lecture 4.- Rule of Law and its evolution
Lecture 5.- Freedom, equality and Fundamental rights
Lecture 6.-Theories of Justice (1)
Lecture 7.- Theories of Justice (2)
Lecture 8.- Obedience to Law and civil disobedience
Lecture 9.- Democracy
Lecture 10.- Democracy and public opinion
Lecture 11.- Nationalism Cosmopolitism
Lecture 12.- Cultural pluralism and rights of minorities

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

1.-Theory sessions

These sessions comprise the Professor¿s explanatory lectures. Each Lecture will include a Power Point presentation. This presentation will be uploaded to Aula Global after the class.

2.-Practice sessions

In each session, one or two students will analyze a text, adopting for the presentation the format: a) Context; b) Summary; c) Analysis and commentary. A Power Point presentation will be subsequently made. All students will then collectively discuss the text and the questions raised in the discussion guide. The Power Point presentation will be uploaded to Aula Global and subsequently evaluated by the Professor.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Course Requirements

1) Theoretical classes: 5 points.

2) Practice: 5 points.

The Practice mark includes presentations, text commentaries, participation in the forum and Intermediate and Final exam.

Final exam, no continous assessment, EXTRA-EXAMINATION 100%

Attendance
Attendance is not compulsory but really encouraged, taking into account the content and the objectives of the course. The short papers should be personal and on time

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- BHIKHU PAREKH PENSADORES POLÍTICOS CONTEMPORÁNEOS, ALIANZA.
- DAVID MILLER POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.
- EUSEBIO FERNÁNDEZ GARCÍA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA Y DERECHO, MARCIAL PONS.
- MICHAEL H. LESSNOFF LA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA DEL SIGLO XX, AKAL.
- NORBERTO BOBBIO TEORÍA GENERAL DE LA POLÍTICA, TROTTA.
- NORBERTO BOBBIO EL FILÓSOFO Y LA POLÍTICA. ANTOLOGÍA, FONDO DE CULTURA ECONÓMICA.
- WILL KYMLICKA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA CONTEMPORÁNEA, ARIEL.

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- ANDREA GREPPI CONCEPCIONES DE LA DEMOCRACIA EN EL PENSAMIENTO POLÍTICO CONTEMPORÁNEO, TROTTA.
- EUSEBIO FERNANDEZ ENTRE LA RAZÓN DE ESTADO Y EL ESTADO DE DERECHO: LA RACIONALIDAD POLÍTICA, DYKINSON.
- MARÍA EUGENIA RODRÍGUEZ PALOP LA NUEVA GENERACIÓN DE DERECHOS HUMANOS: ORIGEN Y JUSTIFICACIÓN, DYKINSON.
- MIGUEL ANGEL RAMIRO AVILÉS UTOPIA Y DERECHO, MARCIAL PONS.
- OSCAR PEREZ DE LA FUENTE PLURALISMO CULTURAL Y DERECHOS DE LAS MINORÍAS, DYKINSON.
- SILVINA RIBOTTA LAS DESIGUALDADES ECONÓMICAS EN LAS TEORÍAS DE LA JUSTICIA. POBREZA, REDISTRIBUCIÓN E INJUSTICIA SOCIAL, CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y CONSTITUCIONALES.