

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
POLITICAL SCIENCE 300
POLITICAL THEORY
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1. The first part of the course will focus on the foundations of political theory, including the works of Plato, Aristotle, and the medieval and early modern philosophers. We will explore the concepts of justice, liberty, and equality, and how they have been understood and debated over time.

2. The second part of the course will focus on the development of modern political theory, including the works of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Kant. We will examine the social contract tradition and the emergence of the modern state.

3. The third part of the course will focus on the 19th and 20th century political theorists, including Mill, Rawls, and Nozick. We will discuss the theory of justice as fairness and the concept of the basic structure of society.

4. The final part of the course will focus on contemporary political theory, including the works of Rawls, Dworkin, and Sen. We will explore the theory of distributive justice and the concept of the capability approach.

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