

# 161-012 Political Thought

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. *
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: Thirty two contact hours per semester: two 1-hour lectures per week for the first 11 weeks and a 1-hour tutorial per week beginning the third week of semester Total Time Commitment: *
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	At least one first-year single-semester philosophy subject or permission from the Head of School or subject coordinator.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	*
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	*
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	*
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	*
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Dr Douglas Adeney
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject involves the critical study of classic political texts by Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes and Locke, with comparisons among them and with more recent writers. These texts contain many famous views and arguments, and raise various fundamental questions in political philosophy including those of the basis of political authority, the relationship between politics and morality, and the best form of government. The study of such classics should develop students' appreciation of historically important parts of Western thought, and contribute to a richer understanding of modern views and issues.
<b>Assessment:</b>	A written assignment of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester), a 2-hour closed-book written examination 47% (due at the end of semester) and tutorial participation 3%.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	*
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	Information Not Available
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008. This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future. Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available. 2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># be able to recognise philosophically important similarities and differences between views and issues arising in different texts and contexts;</li> <li># be able to apply the analytical skills developed in this subject to other philosophical and non-philosophical studies;</li> <li># be able to apply the critical skills developed in this subject to other philosophical and non-philosophical studies.</li> </ul>

<b>Notes:</b>	Previously available as Classics of Political Thought. Students who have completed Classics of Political Thought are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Bachelor of Arts Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Certificate in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Philosophy and Social Theory)