POLS 3010: Political Ideologies
Class Time: MWF 3:00 – 3:50pm
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I. Course Description
This course is intended to introduce you to the subject of political ideology. Over the next few months, we will examine the history and development of major (and a few minor) political ideologies found in the world today, their core tenets, their relation to one another, as well as scholarly investigations into the origins of political ideology, how political scientists can measure ideology, and what influence ideology appears to have on political behaviors.

Please come to this class with your mind opened wide. Some of the greatest misperceptions found in the political environment involve the mischaracterization of political ideologies with the goal of demonizing others. Our goals in this class are empirical, not normative.

Upon successful completion of this course, you should:

1) Understand competing explanations for why political ideologies have formed in society.
2) Compare and contrast the core tenets motivating the major political ideologies of today.
3) Distinguish between the variations found within the major ideological groups.
4) Measure political ideology at the individual and societal levels.
5) Explain the influence of ideology on political attitudes and preferences.

II. Course Requirements and Graded Evaluation

(2.1) Required Textbook
We will be using one textbook in this class. It is available in the University Bookstore, but feel free to obtain the text through alternative vendors (it is much less expensive to buy used online). Other assigned readings can be found in Content Folders on eLC.

(2.2) Course Assignments
Learning is an active exercise. Students at all levels of learning and accomplishment benefit when they are actively engaged with course material. Your grade in this class will be assessed through a series of written assignments and exercises.

Here are some important dates for these assignments and the rubric I will follow for your final grade:

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(2.4) Grading
All grades (including final grades) will be assigned following the system depicted below:

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III. Class Policies

(3.1) Disability Disclosure Statement
Abled-ness should not impede your intellectual development. Please get in touch with me (Dr. Glas) about any accommodations you need in the classroom and for exams. We have some amazing resources for you here at UGA. For testing accommodations please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as soon as possible. For more information please check out the DRC’s website (www.uga.drc.edu). The DRC is located at 825 Lumpkin Street (Clark-Howell Hall) and can be contacted by phone at 706.542.8719.

(3.2) Student Athletes
Representing our university in athletics places some unusual scheduling obligations on you. Please get in touch with me (Dr. Glas) about your schedule so we can make sure you are able to achieve in the classroom as well as on the field or in the arena.

(3.3) Absences
John Lennon once said, “Life happens while you’re busy making other plans.” Attending class is critical for your success in this class. Participation is a significant portion of your grade and there is a significant amount of course content that we will cover in our class meetings and breakout sessions. Absences will be excused for legitimate reasons (and I am reasonable).

Please do not come to class if you ill. The UGA Health Center (www.uhs.uga.edu) is located at 55 Carlton Street (across the street from Ramsey).
(3.4) **Makeup Exams**
If you miss an exam, you will receive a zero (which means passing the class will be unlikely). If you are late to an exam, you must take it in the time that remains when you arrive. Make-up exams are only given to students with legitimate excuses. All make-up exams are administered by the Department of Political Science, but require my permission.

(3.5) **Missed/Late Assignments**
Missed assignments are awarded a grade of zero. Late assignments will be accepted with a penalty of five points for each calendar day late.

(3.6) **Cheating and Academic Misconduct**
Violations of the academic dishonesty rules are grounds for receiving an “F” in the course as well as possible expulsion from the university. If you have any questions about what constitutes cheating, academic misconduct, or plagiarism, please examine the university policy and/or ask the instructor.

(3.7) **Problems and Emergencies**
If a problem or emergency arises that prevents you from attending an exam or coming to class, you should contact me (Dr. Glas) as soon as possible.

(3.8) **Policy on Disruptive Behavior**
1) Turn communication devices to silent…or turn them off entirely.
2) Be polite during class discussion.

(3.9) **Withdraw Policy**
Be advised that the last day to withdraw from a course without failing is Monday, October 25th. All students who withdraw after this date will receive a “WF”.
VI. Course Reading and Assignment Schedule

Week 1 – August 18th and 20th – Perspectives on Politics

Week 2 – August 23rd, 25th, and 27th – Political Ideology
Sargent, Chapters 1 & 14

***Drop/Add Ends – August 24th***

Week 3 – August 30th, September 1st and 3rd – Democracy and Republicanism
Sargent, Chapter 4
Oxford Handbook, Chapter 28

Week 4 – September 8th and 10th – Liberalism
Sargent, pp. 108-117 & Chapter 6
Oxford Handbook, Chapter 18

***Labor Day – September 6th – No Classes***

Week 5 – September 13th, 15th, and 17th – Conservatism
Oxford Handbook, Chapter 16

***Reflective Essay #1 Due – September 17th***
**Week 6 – September 20\(^{th}\), 22\(^{nd}\), and 24\(^{th}\) – International Relations and Ideology**

Sargent, Chapter 3


**Week 7 – September 27\(^{th}\), 29\(^{th}\), and October 1\(^{st}\) – Socialism**


Sargent, pp.117-131

Ball and Dagger, Chapter 5


**Week 8 – October 4\(^{th}\), 6\(^{th}\), and 8\(^{th}\) – Communism**

Sargent, Chapter 8

Ball and Dagger, Chapter 6


***Reflective Essay #2 Due – October 8\(^{th}\)***

**Week 9 – October 11\(^{th}\), 13\(^{th}\), and 15\(^{th}\) – Anarchism and Libertarianism**

Sargent, Chapter 9

Oxford Handbook, Chapters 21 & 22

***Semester Midpoint – October 11\(^{th}\)***

**Week 10 – October 18\(^{th}\), 20\(^{th}\), and 22\(^{nd}\) – Fascism and National Socialism**

Sargent, Chapters 2 & 10

Oxford Handbook, Chapters 25 & 26
Week 11 – October 25th and 27th – Feminism and Liberation Ideology
Sargent, Chapters 7 & 12
Oxford Handbook, Chapter 30

***Withdrawal Deadline – October 25th***

***Fall Break – October 29th – No Classes***

Week 12 – November 1st, 3rd, and 5th – Environmentalism
Sargent, Chapter 13
Oxford Handbook, Chapter 23

***Reflective Essay #3 Due – November 5th***

Week 13 – November 8th, 10th, and 12th – Are Americans Ideological?

Week 14 – November 15th, 17th, and 19th – Ideology in America

Week 15 – November 22nd – Thanksgiving Break

***Thanksgiving Break – November 24th – 26th – No Classes***

Week 16 – November 29th, December 1st and 3rd – Psychology of Ideology

***Measuring Ideology Assignment Due – December 3rd***
Week 17 – December 6th and 7th – Ideology and Media

Selection from W. Lance Bennett’s “The Politics of Illusion”


***Ideology in Film Essay Due – December 7th***

***Last Day of Classes – December 7th***

***Reading Day – December 8th***