

## Political Philosophy (A003401)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0**

**Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024**

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

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lecturer-in-charge

De Vries, Bouke

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co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

**crdts**

**offering**

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China (China Track))

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject China (UGent Track))

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject India)

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures(main subject Japan)

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in History

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences

5

A

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

5

A

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

5

A

Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Sociology)

5

A

Master of Science in Sociology

5

A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Introduction in political philosophy and citizenship theory

Citizenship as status, activity and membership

Political Liberalism

Deliberative democracy

Theories of justice

Rawls, Habermas, Mouffe, Pettit, Lefort, Sandel, Kymlicka.

**Position of the course**

The course is an introduction in the Anglo-Saxon analytical political philosophy since John Rawls. It aims to impart to students insight into the main themes, problems, basic principles, concepts, method and argumentation of contemporary political philosophy. The course invite students to apply the political philosophical method, reasoning and argumentation on actual societal questions.

**Contents**

The following topics are discussed:

1. Republican, liberal and communitarian approach of citizenship
2. Libérale democracy and deliberative democracy
3. Rule of law
4. Theories of justice : egalitarian liberalism, luck egalitarianism, libertarianism
5. Rawlsian political liberalism
6. Communitarism, liberal nationalism, interculturalism

(Approved)

## 7. Multiculturalism

### Initial competences

None

### Final competences

- 1 to situate, discuss, interrelate and apply the discussed philosophers and their philosophical thoughts/theories.
- 2 to explain and apply the basic principles and concepts of the different theories in contemporary philosophy.
- 3 to develop a philosophical discourse about a political issue.

### Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

### Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

### Teaching methods

Lecture

### Learning materials and price

Patrick Loobuyck 2022 *Burgerschap. Politiek-filosofische perspectieven*.  
Amsterdam: Boom. 24.90 euro  
Slides and texts made available on Ufora

### References

- J. Rawls (1993) *Political Liberalism*. Columbia University Press.  
J. Habermas (1996) *Between Facts and Norms*. Polity Press.  
A. Shachar et al. (2017) *The Oxford Handbook of Citizenship*. Oxford University Press.  
W. Kymlicka (2002) *Contemporary political philosophy. An introduction*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.  
A. Shorten (2016) *Contemporary Political Theory*. Macmillan.  
M. Sandel (2010) *Rechtvaardigheid. Wat is de juiste keuze?* Ten Have.  
A. Swift (2006) *Political Philosophy. A Beginners' Guide for Students and Politicians*. Polity.  
J. Wolff (2016) *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. Oxford University Press.  
D. Miller (2003) *Political Philosophy. A very short introduction*. Oxford University Press.  
R. Bellamy (2008) *Citizenship. A very short Introduction*. Oxford University Press.  
C. Farrelly (2004) *An Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory*. Sage.

### Course content-related study coaching

Through Ufora and by appointment

### Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

### Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

### Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

### Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

### Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)

### Facilities for Working Students

You can make a special agreement with the professor.

