







Political Science (POLI) 357

Political Philosophy: Hobbes to Human Rights (Revision 3)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing  for the current revision 
Delivery mode:	Individualized study online 
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Social Science
Prerequisites:	None
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	POLI 357 has a challenge for credit option.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 

Overview

Political Science 357: Political Philosophy: Hobbes to Human Rights introduces early modern and modern political philosophy. The course provides a solid grounding in the content of Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan*, John Locke's *Second Treatise on Government*, Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Social Contract*, John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*, and Harriet Taylor Mill's "Enfranchisement of Women." Attention is also given to the political writings of Mary Wollstonecraft, Karl Marx, and Friedrich Engels.

Outline

Part 1: Re-Ordering Political Philosophy: The Individual



- Unit 2: Hobbes on Human Nature
- Unit 3: Hobbes on Civil Society
- Unit 4: Locke: An Overview
- Unit 5: Locke's Politics

Part 2: Modern Political Philosophy


- Unit 6: Rousseau
- Unit 7: The Rights of Women: Wollstonecraft
- Unit 8: Harriet Taylor and John Stuart Mill
- Unit 9: Marx
- Unit 10: Human Rights

Conclusion: Re-visioning Continues


Evaluation

Your final grade in *Political Science 357: Political Philosophy: Hobbes to Human Rights* is based on the grades you achieve in the assignments. To **receive credit**  for the course, you must achieve a course composite grade of **D (50 percent)**  or better. Students are advised that some universities require a minimum grade to receive transfer credit for a course.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Participation	20%
Assignment 2: Comparative Essay	20%
Assignment 3: Research Presentation	25%
Assignment 4: Critical Synthesis	35%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a [Course Administration and Technology Fee](#) , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

All of the readings and study materials are provided online.



Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [challenge for credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for the POLI 357 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **C (60%)**  on the written assignment.



Challenge for credit course registration form

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#)
- › [Program planning](#)
- › [Request assistance](#)
- › [Support services](#)

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