

Course Title	History of Political Ideas				
Course Code	LAW 162				
Course Type	Law Elective				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	1st-4th				
Teacher's Name	Dr Soteris Theocharides				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories/week	none
Course Purpose	<p>The module examines the origins of civil society as a historical and social form of life, which is founded on the principles of freedom and justice.</p> <p>Special emphasis is given on the legal and philosophical culture of the Greek thought as it influenced the legal and political development of the West.</p> <p>Contemporary political theories that are useful to law students are analyzed in order for them to gain a comprehensive and holistic education and to be able to evaluate the ideological origins of political and legal actions.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <p>Understand and explain the creative methodology of constructing political and political ideas</p> <p>Understand and explain the main ideas of the great philosophers</p> <p>Critically analyse these ideas in relation to events and phenomena of our time.</p>				
Prerequisites	None			Corequisites	None

<p>Course Content</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emergence and development of politics and political ideas in Antiquity. • The economic and social changes that have led to the emergence of the state, politics and political ideas. The city-state and the Ecclesia of Athens (Assembly). The basic political ideas (Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle). • Political ideas in Rome and the Middle Ages. The absolute monarchical idea, the political and social structure. The State-Church Relationship. Political ideology in the Medieval West and Byzantium. • The shaping of Modernity - a political dimension. • The importance and role of bourgeois revolutions in creating the conditions for shaping and developing modern political reality. • The French Revolution. The concept of bourgeois democracy. • Urban Democracy, Liberalism and Conservatism. The basic political ideas of Enlightenment and Liberalism and their relation to the idea of bourgeois democracy. The key ideas of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and their other key representatives. The concept of Conservatism and its various manifestations. • Machiavelli's political ideas. The basic ideas of Machiavelli and their role in the interpretation of political reality. Machiavelli and modern politics. • Marx's basic political ideas. • Nationalism, nationalism, chauvinism, fascism, racism. • The key features of the above political ideas and phenomena and their role in historical and political developments.
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Teaching	Lecture: 20 hours
Methodology	Tutorial: 13 hours This course is taught via lectures that encourage debate and critical thinking

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Assessment	First Assessment: Mid-Term Exam (20%) Second Assessment: Written Essay (20%) Third Assessment: Final Exam (60%)
Language	Greek