I. Course Title: Modern Political Theory
II. Course Number: PHIL 467
III. Credit Hours: 3
IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: Designed to provoke philosophical reflection regarding the perennial, and still fundamental, questions about man in relation to the state. The course will focus on thinkers from Machiavelli to Marx.

VI. Curricular Relationships
This course is the second half of a sequence in political theory that is part of the elective block for government emphasis majors and philosophy minors.

VII. Student learning Outcomes: Through three tests, one research paper, and a series of reading quizzes, students will:
1. Further develop an appreciation for the core issues in the political philosophy.
2. Further develop the ability to analyze and evaluate philosophical arguments.
3. Further develop the ability to think and write critically and clearly concerning complex issues.
4. Further develop the ability to express ideas and critically evaluate the ideas of others in a constructive way.
5. Learn the basic vocabulary of the subject.

VIII. Content Outline:
The course will include, but is not limited to selections from Niccolo Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, David Hume, Adam Smith, The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States, The Federalist Papers, Jeremy Bentham, J.S. Mill, and Karl Marx. In addition to such classic modern works, the course may also examine selections from contemporary political thinkers such as Robert Nozick, John Rawls, and Jurgen Habermas.

IX. Course Procedures: Through twelve reading quizzes of which the student’s lowest two will be dropped, three tests, and one final paper, students will evidence their developing ability to evaluate and communicate central concepts in modern political theory.

Available Points:
3 Tests 100 pts. each 300
10 quizzes 10 pts. each 100
1 Final paper 100 pts. 100
Total Course Points: 500
X. Grading Scale:

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XI. Required Text:
A comprehensive text of modern political thoery, the following is suggested:
Pojman, Lewis, *Political Philosophy: Classic and Contemporary Readings*

XII. Any Issues Unique to this course:
N/A

XIII. Additional Issues of the Department’s Choosing
N/A