

Political Theory Grad Course Offerings and Subfield Requirements - Last updated: July 19, 2023.

### **Courses**

PLSC 509a. Philosophy of Science for the Study of Politics. Ian Shapiro  
PLSC 553a. Social Justice. Bruce Ackerman  
PLSC 562b. The English-Speaking Enlightenment. Anthony Kronman. Steven Smith  
PLSC 568b. Democracy in Weimar: Creativity, Crisis, & Revolution. Lucia Rubinelli  
PLSC 571a. Designing and Reforming Democracy. David Froomkin and Ian Shapiro  
PLSC 577a. Burke, Revolution, and Empire. David Bromwich  
PLSC 578a. What is the University?. Mordechai Levy-Eichel  
PLSC 579a. Rousseau's Emile. Bryan Garsten  
PLSC 581a. Socialism and Democracy, 1820-1940. Lucia Rubinelli  
PLSC 597a. Lincoln's Statecraft and Rhetoric. Steven Smith  
PLSC 601a. Theories of Freedom: Schelling and Hegel. Paul North  
PLSC 602a. Political Epistemology: On Knowledge and Belief in Politics. Helene Landemore  
PLSC 611b. Recent Work on Justice. Thomas Pogge  
PLSC 617b. Democracy and Deliberation. Helene Landemore  
PLSC 623a. Rethinking the Political Enlightenment. Ian Shapiro  
PLSC 627a. Aristotle's Political Thought. Bryan Garsten  
PLSC 638b. Political Philosophy in a Time of Crisis: Strauss, Berlin, Oakeshott, and Aron. Steven Smith  
PLSC 640a. Advanced Topics in Modern Political Philosophy. Giulia Oskian and Isaac Nakhimovsky  
PLSC 644b. The Idea of Statesmanship. Steven Smith  
PLSC 645a. Machiavelli and His Readers. Steven Smith  
PLSC 646b. Open Democracy: : Reinventing Popular Rule for the Twenty-First Century. Helene Landemore  
PLSC 709b. Comparative Constitutional Law. Bruce Ackerman  
PLSC 859b. Reconstructing the American Constitution. Bruce Ackerman  
PLSC 873a. The U.S. Constitution and Comparative Constitutional Law. Akhil Reed Amar and Steven Calabresi

### **Workshops**

PLSC 934a/935b. Political Theory Workshop. (Various Instructors).

Note:

-a courses are offered in the Fall, b courses are offered in the Spring. ab courses are offered in the Fall and Spring. a/b courses are offered in the Fall or Spring.

### **Subfield Requirements**

Students may qualify in Political Theory by exam or coursework.

For the exam option, students must take two courses in PT plus the exam.

For the coursework option, students must take three courses in PT and they must write a PT paper, in the context of a PT course, that shows a strong command of the substantive and methodological approaches in the field.

For the BA/MA program, any PT course may be considered a “core” course.