

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

Political science 310 (STL 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BAdmin Public Management and International Relations
	BA
	BA extended programme
	BA Law
	BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics
	BPolSci International Studies
	BPolSci Political Studies
	BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
	Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	PTO 101, STL 210(GS), 220(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Political theory

A theoretical and normative study of political ideas. This includes the study of key political thinkers such as Plato, Thomas Hobbes and John Rawls as well as the contemporary manifestations of ideologies such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism and nationalism. This normative assessment of politics concludes with a critical evaluation of the development, nature and practical value of prominent democratic theories including participatory, legal, and deliberative democracy.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and

registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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