



**Renison University College**  
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With gratitude, we acknowledge that Renison University College is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Hodinohsyó:ni, and Attawandaran (Neutral) Peoples, which is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River from mouth to source. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place in all corners of our campus through research, learning, teaching, community building and outreach. We are guided by the work of our Reconciliation and Re-storying Steering Committee and Anti-Racism and Decolonization SpokesCouncil, as well as the [University of Waterloo's Office of Indigenous Relations](#).

#### **Winter, 2024**

**Course Code: SDS 131R 001 and 002**

**Course Title: Political ideologies and Social development**

#### **Class Times/Locations**

001 1:00-2:20 pm on Monday and Wednesday in REN 2107

002 2:30-3:50 pm on Monday and Wednesday in REN 2107

**Instructor:** Theresa Romkey

**Office Hours:** by appointment

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#### **Course Description**

An introduction to some of the major social and political ideas of Western civilization. Attention is given to the influence and applicability of these ideas to social policy and political practice in contemporary Canada.

#### **Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

- To critically examine various political ideologies
- To explore competing views on the responsibilities of the state and individuals
- To understand the evolution of certain social policies in Canada and the connections to political ideologies
- To help students critically examine their own political and social perspectives

#### **Recommended Text**

McCullough, H.B. (2017) *Political Ideologies* (2nd edition). Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

## Grading

Class participation	10 %
Test #1	25 %
Test #2	25%
Final exam	40 %

### **Class attendance and participation (10%)**

Your participation grade will be based on your attendance for the Monday and Wednesday classes (arriving on time, staying for the whole class, attention in class), your level of participation in class discussions, and your understanding of the course material.

### **Test #1 (25%)**

On January 31<sup>st</sup> there will be an 80-minute in-person test. The exam will consist of concepts (definition and significance) and short answer essay questions.

### **Test #2 (25%)**

On March 11th there will be an 80-minute in-person test. The exam will consist of concepts (definition and significance) and short answer essay questions.

### **Final exam (40%)**

The cumulative 2.5-hour in-person final exam will be scheduled during the University exam period. The exam will be a combination of concepts (definition and significance), short answer questions, and longer essay questions.

### Introduction

January 8

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Introduction. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 1-7). Oxford University Press.

### Classical liberalism

January 10 and 15

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Classical Liberalism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 8-29). Oxford University Press.

### Reform liberalism

January 17 and 22

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Reform Liberalism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 55-84). Oxford University Press.

### Neo-liberalism and Libertarianism

January 24 and 29

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Neo-liberalism and Libertarianism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 203-225). Oxford University Press.

January 31

Test #1

### Marxism

February 5 and 7

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Marxism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 85-106). Oxford University Press.

### Fascism

February 12 and 14

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Fascism and National Socialism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 131-156). Oxford University Press.

### Conservatism

February 26 and 28

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Conservatism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 29-54). Oxford University Press.

### Feminism

March 4 and 6

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Feminism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 226-251). Oxford University Press.

March 11

Test #2

### Pacifism

March 13 and 18

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Pacifism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 157-178). Oxford University Press.

### Anarchism

March 20 and 25

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Anarchism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 179-202). Oxford University Press.

### Environmentalism

March 27 and April 1

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Environmentalism. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 252-277). Oxford University Press.

### Summary

April 3

McCullough, H.B. (2017). Conclusion. In *Political Ideologies* (2nd ed.) (pp. 331-336). Oxford University Press.

## Course guidelines

### Communication policies

Email, using the uWaterloo provided email address, is the approved method of communication for Renison. The Office 365 email that you use to login using your WatIAM login and password is secure and confidential. Take caution when forwarding your WatIAM email to an external email service as confidential information forwarded to a third-party provider could be a data security breach and violation of FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) under which all students, staff, and faculty are bound by law.

### Final Examination Policy

For **Winter 2024**, the established examination period is **April 11 – April 25**. The schedule will be available early October. Students should be aware that student travel plans are not acceptable grounds for granting an alternative final examination time. See the [Final Examination Schedule](#).

### Accommodation for Illness or Unforeseen Circumstances

The instructor follows the practices of the University of Waterloo in accommodating students who have documented reasons for missing quizzes or exams. See [Accommodation due to illness](#).

### Accommodation Due to Religious Observances

The University acknowledges that, due to the pluralistic nature of the University community, some students may seek accommodations on religious grounds. Accordingly, students must consult with their instructor(s) within two weeks of the announcement of the due date for which accommodation is being sought. Failure to provide a timely request will decrease the likelihood of providing an accommodation. [See Request for accommodation on religious grounds](#).

### Academic Integrity, Grievance, Discipline, Appeals and Note for Students with Disabilities

**Academic Integrity:** To maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. See the [UWaterloo Academic Integrity](#) and the [Arts Academic Integrity](#) websites for more information.

Renison University College is committed to the view that when a problem or disagreement arises between a faculty member and a student every effort should be made to resolve the problem through mutual and respectful negotiation. Most issues are resolved by a student/faculty meeting to discuss differences of opinion. It is only after this stage, when a common understanding or agreement is not obtained that further actions listed below could be taken.

**Discipline:** Every student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their own actions. [Check the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) website for more information.] A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from

the course professor or academic advisor. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties are imposed under the University of Waterloo [Policy 71 – Student Discipline](#). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties check the [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of their university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](#). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the Department’s administrative assistant, or Academic Advisor, who will provide further assistance.

**Appeals:** A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances](#) (other than a petition) or [Policy 71, Student Discipline](#) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72, Student Appeals](#).

**Academic Integrity Office (UWaterloo):** The website can be found at [uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/](http://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/)

### **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

[AccessAbility Services](#) is located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, and collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

Students are encouraged to register with AccessAbility Services (AAS) at the start of each term if they require accommodations due to a disability. However, some students not connected to AAS may require accommodations later in the term. In that case, you should immediately consult with your instructor and/or your Academic Advisor.

### **Intellectual Property**

Students should be aware that this course contains the intellectual property of the instructor, which can include:

- lecture handouts and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint slides)
- lecture content, both spoken and written (and any audio or video recording thereof)
- questions from various types of assessments (e.g., assignments, quizzes, tests, final exams)
- work protected by copyright (i.e., any work authored by the instructor)

Making available the intellectual property of instructors without their express written consent (e.g., uploading lecture notes or assignments to an online repository) is considered theft of intellectual property and subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in [Policy 71 – Student Discipline](#). Students who become aware of the availability of what may be their instructor’s intellectual property in online repositories are encouraged to alert the instructor.

### **Mental Health Support**

All of us need a support system. The faculty and staff in Arts encourage students to seek out mental health supports if they are needed.

### **On Campus**

- [Counselling Services](mailto:counselling.services@uwaterloo.ca): counselling.services@uwaterloo.ca / 519-888-4096
- [MATES](#): one-to-one peer support program offered by the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) and Counselling Services
- [Health Services](#) – Student Medical Clinic: located across the creek from Student Life Centre

### **Off Campus, 24/7**

- [Good2Talk](#): Free confidential help line for post-secondary students. Phone: 1-866-925-5454
- [Empower Me](#): Confidential, multilingual, culturally sensitive, faith inclusive mental health and wellness service.
- Grand River Hospital: Emergency care for mental health crisis. Phone: 844-437-3247
- [Here 24/7](#): Mental Health and Crisis Service Team. Phone: 1-844-437-3247
- [OK2BME](#): set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning teens in Waterloo. Email: [ok2bme@caminowellbeing.ca](mailto:ok2bme@caminowellbeing.ca) Phone: 519-884-0000

Full details can be found online at the [Faculty of ARTS](#) website.

Download [UWaterloo and regional mental health resources \(PDF\)](#)

Download the [WatSafe](#) app to your phone to quickly access mental health support information.

### **A Respectful Living and Learning Environment for All**

Everyone living, learning, and working at Renison University College is expected to contribute to creating a respectful environment free from harassment and discrimination.

Harassment is unwanted attention in the form of disrespectful comments, unwanted text messages or images, degrading jokes, rude gestures, unwanted touching, or other behaviours meant to intimidate.

According to the Ontario Human Rights Code, discrimination means unequal or different treatment causing harm, whether intentional or not, because of race, disability, citizenship, ethnic origin, colour, age, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, or other personal characteristic.

If you feel that you are experiencing the above from any member of the Renison community (students, staff, or faculty), you may contact Melissa Knox, Renison's external anti-harassment and anti-discrimination officer, by email ([mnknox@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mnknox@uwaterloo.ca)) or by phone or text (226-753-5669). Melissa is an employment and human rights lawyer and part-time Assistant Crown Attorney for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Melissa is experienced in case management, discipline and complaints processes, and works with organizations across Canada to foster safe, respectful, and inclusive work and learning environments through policy development, educational workshops, conflict mediation and dispute resolution, and organizational culture audits.

For additional information see Renison's [Harassment, Discrimination, and Abuse](#) policy.