

Revolution And Enlightenment (Political Ideas A)

Modular value: 20 credits

Duration: Term 1

Teaching: 2 hour seminars weekly

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The course is focused around the study of Enlightenment and Revolution in the context of the modern political ideas. It is organised both historically and thematically. Historically, it traces developments in the political thought that gained expression in the eighteenth-century Enlightenment, through to the role of political ideas in a combination of modern political events: the American Revolution and the French Revolution. Thematically, the course examines, in turn, the nature of the Enlightenment; the comparison between the French and American Revolutions; and the character of the counter-Enlightenment.

On completion of this module, students should be able:

- To describe and identify a range of theoretical positions and arguments concerning the Enlightenment and/ or revolution
- To evaluate the coherence of those positions and arguments
- To apply their implications to broader issues and approaches in the study of political and social life.

Assessment

- Term one 1 x 5000 word Essay 100%

You may be interested in these modules:

- 20 credits - [Totalitarianism And The State \(Political Ideas B\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/totalitarianism-state.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/totalitarianism-state.aspx)

You may be interested in these degrees:

- [Political Theory \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/political-theory.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/political-theory.aspx)
- [Social and Political Theory \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/social-political-theory.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/social-political-theory.aspx)