

# Course Outline: Pols 4025 Freedom and Equality

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

*Note for students: This short course outline is provided for planning purposes only. Course information is tentative and subject to change; the final course syllabus will be available by the first day of classes.*

## Course Code

AP/POLS 4025 3.00 **Freedom and Equality**

## Course Description

Freedom and equality are two of the fundamental conditions for democracy, and as such they provide the ethical basis for much of contemporary political theory. The course explores conflicting conceptions of freedom and equality, their interrelationship and the implications of contemporary developments in this important field of political morality.

## Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: SEMR

This course will meet weekly in a seminar style, where students are expected to come prepared to actively participate in discussion.

## Course Materials

All readings will be articles, essays or short book excerpts available online or via pdf.

Example Readings: Panitch, Vida. "Basic income... and the welfare state." *Philosophy & Social Criticism*.

Young, Iris Marion. "Equality of whom? Social groups and judgments of Injustice." *Journal of Political Philosophy*.

Anderson, Ryan, To Defend True Freedom, We Need to Know the Truth - *Ethics & Public Policy Center*.

## Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines:

| Assessment                             | Weight | Mode                                      | Work to be Completed                     |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Weekly Seminar Written Reflection      | 20%    | In-person, Written During Seminar Session | First Half of Semester                   |
| Weekly Seminar Written Reflection      | 20%    | In-person, Written During Seminar Session | Second Half of Semester                  |
| One Oral Presentation                  | 10%    | In-person, During Seminar Session         | Each Student Chooses One Seminar Session |
| Seminar Participation and Preparedness | 25%    | In Seminar Weekly Presence                | Across Entire Semester                   |
| Final Oram Exam                        | 25%    | One-on-One with Course Director           | During Exam Period                       |
|                                        | 100%   |                                           |                                          |