This course introduces several important "isms", that is to say arguments about the nature of society, the state, and social transformation. Some of the "isms" we will study are: Anarchism, Conservatism, Fascism, Liberalism, Marxism and its varieties, Neoliberalism, Feminism, and post-colonial Nationalism. The course seeks to develop political literacy defined as an understanding of the fundamental assumptions and arguments from which competing political perspectives derive.

Our class time will be divided into two parts. A discussion component in which the instructor will randomly call on students to answer questions concerning the reading from that week, and a lecture component in which the instructor will provide an overview of the material. Somewhat unusually, the discussion component will precede the lecture component for each class. Assessment is based on a series of in class exams and participation in the discussion component.

**Assessment:**

- Class participation: 10%
- Exams: 3*20%=60%
- Final: 30%

**Course Materials:**
The course materials will be available in a two-volume reader from CopyCentral at 2411 Telegraph Avenue. The reader will be about $75. Their phone number is (510) 848-8649

**January 22^nd**
*The French Revolution*

**January 24^th**
*Conservatism*

**January 29^th**
*Liberalism (1)*

**January 31**

*Utopian Socialism*


**February 5**

*Marx*


**February 7**

*In Class Exam*

**February 12**

*Engels*


**February 14**

*Anarchism*


**February 19**

*Anarchism*


**February 21**

*Orthodox Marxism*


**February 26**

*Orthodox Marxism*


**March 5**

*Revisionism*


**March 7**
*Revisionism*

**March 12th**
In Class Exam

**March 14th**
*Syndicalism*

**March 19th**
*Syndicalism*

**March 21st**
*Bolshevism*

**April 2nd**
Study Break

**April 4th**
In Class Exam

**April 9th**
*Conservative Revolution*

**April 11th**
*Fascism and Nazism*

**April 16th**
*Liberalism (2) and Neo-Liberalism*

**April 18th**

**April 23rd**

*Feminism*


**April 25th**


**April 30th**


**May 2nd**

*Anti-Colonial Nationalism*


**May 7th**

*Review Session*

**May 17th**

7pm-10pm Final