

PHIL 170: Social Ethics and Political Thought  
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics  
Instructor: Ian Cruise  
Summer Session I 2017  
MTWThF 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm in Caldwell 213

Course Description: This course introduces students to a number of issues that arise at the intersection of philosophy, politics, and economics. The focus of the course will be on learning to develop two skills crucial not only in philosophy but also in intellectual and civic life more generally. Those skills are reading for and writing about arguments. Students will develop these skills by examining topics such as political authority, justice, equality, freedom of speech, voting, and markets. Along the way, students will learn the basics of some tools in economics such as rational choice theory and game theory. These tools will help to illuminate the philosophical issues that we will be examining. Students will walk away from the course with both enhanced argumentative skills and a deep appreciation of the interrelations among philosophy, politics, and economics. This course satisfies both PH and PPE minor distribution requirements.

