The minor Political Theory is offered by the department of political science. It draws on comparative political science, philosophy, and critical theory to explore ideological, conceptual, and normative dimensions of the major social and political challenges we are facing today.

These challenges include concerns over sustainability and fair economic policy; diversity, gender, and racial equality; migration, conflict, and global justice; democracy, toleration, and free speech, among other topics.

The minor introduces you to key political theories and concepts in order to better understand our current social and political predicament, and to guide collective action to improve the same.
Upon successful completion of the minor students will:
• be familiar with a wide range of different political thinkers and theories, on the most pressing political debates of today.
• be familiar with the distinction between normative and empirical research and be able to analyze it in practice.
• have considerable experience in articulating and formulating arguments for a range of positions and theories.
• have developed their capacity for critical analysis and argumentation.

Courses:
The first tier consists of two required courses:
Introduction to Political Theory: Utopia and Dystopia, which, upon successful completion, then provides access to the Core Module Political Theory.
If you want to complete the minor within one year, you can take one of two lecture courses, History of Political Thought or Diversity, Equality and Justice. If, however, you wish to take any of the BA3 political theory electives, than you must first complete the core module, which means the minor will be spread over 1,5 or 2 years.

Application:
International exchange students are contacted by their programme coordinator regarding enrollment. Students from Dutch universities can enroll the following way:
1) Studenten van andere universiteiten moeten zich bij de UvA inschrijven als bijvakstudent, zie http://www.studielink.nl.
2) Meld je aan voor de minor via het aanmeldformulier in de studiegids.
3) Schrijf je daarna in voor de vakken via SIS.

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