The minor Political Theory is offered by the department of political science. It draws on comparative political science, philosophy, and intellectual history to explore normative political questions.

In this minor we look at theories and concepts in order to better understand our current social and political predicament, and to guide collective action to improve the same. A notable and distinctive feature of the minor is its attention to comparative political theory, including African political theory and Islamic political thought.
Upon successful completion of the minor students will:
• be familiar with a wide range of different political thinkers and theories, from various eras and cultures.
• 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 Islamic Political Theory or African Political Theory 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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