

**1. Unidade curricular (UC)/Curricular Unit**

a) **Designação:** Teoria Política

**Name:** Political Theory

b) **Número de vagas/Vacancies:** 30

**2. Pequeno texto introdutório que deve refletir, o enquadramento da UC proposta na oferta curricular da NOVA FCSH, bem como, o carácter inovador ou a complementaridade com outras UC's existentes.**

This course in political theory offers theoretical and practical tools that are crucial for the systematic analysis of politics. It focuses on conceptual and ideological analysis, but it does so in continuity with the sciences, highlighting both the theoretical and empirical dimensions of politics. In this sense, this course complements other modules in political philosophy at NOVA FCSH that focus specifically on the history of political ideas. This module draws on the insights of subjects like philosophy, political science or economics. For this interdisciplinarity helps to grasp the complex problems arising in the modern world. By taking this course, students can thus learn how to analyse politics from different ideological, conceptual and disciplinary perspectives.

3. **Código da unidade curricular/Curricular unit code:** [Não Preencher]

4. **Faculdade/Faculty:** Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas

5. **Unidade de Investigação/Research Unit:** I

6. **Curso/Course:** Opção livre aberta a todos os cursos de licenciatura

7. **Nível do curso/Course Level:** Licenciatura

8. **Carácter da unidade curricular:** Opcional/Optional

9. **Tipo da unidade curricular/Type of curricular unit:** Unidade Curricular Letiva

10. **Percentagem de aulas práticas/Percentage of practical classes:** 50%

11. **Ano do plano de estudos/Syllabus year:** 1.º ano

12. **Semestre/Semester:** 2.º semestre/2nd semester

13. **Número de créditos/Number of credits (1 crédito = 28h):** 6 ECTS (licenciatura)

14. **Docente ou Investigador responsável/Teacher or principal researcher:** Filipe Nobre Faria

15. **Número de horas por sessão/Number of hours per session:** 2 horas (licenciatura)

b) **Número de sessões por semestre/Number of hours per semester:** 32 sessions (licenciatura)

c) **Periodicidade/periodicity:** Semanal

d) **Período de funcionamento/Class period:** 8 de Fevereiro - 28 de Maio

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<p><b>16. Objetivos da unidade curricular/Learning objectives</b> (máx. 200 palavras; expostos em termos do que se espera que o aluno adquira): a) To identify and articulate the main concepts in political theory;</p> <p>b) To acquire knowledge about the most relevant political philosophies;</p> <p>c) To interpret the main texts in the field critically;</p> <p>d) To acquire competences in autonomous research.</p>
<p><b>17. Competências gerais do grau/General skills of the degree:</b> a); b); c); d) ;e); f)</p>
<p><b>18. Competências específicas do curso/Specific Course skills:</b> Não aplicável./Not applicable.</p>
<p><b>19. Requisitos de frequência/Attendance requirements:</b> The course requires an intermediate knowledge of the English language in reading, writing and understanding. Students may also write essays in Portuguese, but the module is taught in English.</p>
<p><b>20. Conteúdo da unidade curricular/Syllabus</b> (máx. 200 palavras): The purpose of the course is to provide an overview of the main concepts and philosophies in political theory. It introduces students to the principal ideas in Western political thought, both ancient and contemporary. Notably, the course analyses key political concepts like liberty, identity, equality or community, and studies major ideologies such as liberalism, socialism or nationalism. In light of these ideas, the module examines current political challenges and social tensions, thus providing crucial tools to think about politics. Overall, class participants will explore the tensions between different political ideas and assess their normative desirability and descriptive accuracy.</p>
<p><b>21. Bibliografia recomendada/Recommended reading:</b> (máx. 5 títulos. Por ordem decrescente de data de edição.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Anomaly, Jonathan, et al (2016). Philosophy, Politics and Economics: An Anthology. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</li><li>2. List, Christian, &amp; Valentini, Laura (2016). The Methodology of Political Theory. In Philosophical Methodology, edited by Cappelen, Gendler, and Hawthorne, 525–553. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</li><li>3. Hoffman, John, &amp; Graham, Paul (2015). Introduction to Political Theory. New York: Routledge.</li><li>4. Heywood, Andrew (2004). Political Theory: An Introduction. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.</li><li>5. Sandel, Michael (1984). Liberalism and Its Critics. New York: New York University Press.</li></ol>

**22. Métodos de ensino/*Teaching Methods:*** Lectures and seminars

**23. Métodos de avaliação/*Assessment methods:***

- 1) Participation and discussion in class (20%)
- 2) Small presentation (20%)
- 3) Term paper (60%)

**24. Língua de ensino/*Teaching language:*** Inglês/English