History of political thought is a course that is designed, in the 1st semester to acquaint students with the relevant political thoughts in ancient and medieval ages. It is divided into four parts; they include an introduction to essential relations with political science and political philosophy, and an exploration of the development of political ideas from ancient civilizations to the Christian and Islamic political philosophy.

**Course description**

**Course objectives**

This course is designed to:

Introduce students to essential concepts of political thought and theories about state formation.

Explore the main ideas about politics during the old age: oriental, occidental, and roman political philosophy.

Examine the religious dimension in the development of political thought especially with Christianity and Islam.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the origin of political science and the meaning of the main concepts.
2. Use history as a foundation for their essays and analytical works.

**Course Prerequisites**

For a successful understanding of this course, students are required to have considerable knowledge about:

1. Philosophy,
2. Economics,
3. Law,
4. Administration