



University  
of Victoria

# POLI 306 Introduction to Marxism

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**Instructor Fall 2022:** Dr. Simon Carroll

**Course delivery:** POLI 306 will be delivered face-to-face and on campus.

## **Course description:**

The course focusses on the origins of this revolutionary tradition in the work of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, most notably in Marx's *Capital*. It also examines some traditions and debates that grew up in their wake, primarily in various Western and some Global-South schools of thought. At the centre throughout are key concepts and ideas of historical dialectical materialism, its critique of political economy, its political theory, and its philosophy.

**Prerequisite:** None

## **Course outcomes/objectives:**

- Develop written and verbal communication skills through academic writing and class discussion.
- Critically assess complex texts of Marx and subsequent scholarship (including orthodox, western, black, indigenous, and feminist engagements with Marx).
- Recognize and reconstruct central concepts, problems, and arguments in Marxist political economy.
- Explore the transformation of Marxist ideas in different times and places, as well as over time.

## **Topics may include:**

Primitive Accumulation  
Capitalism and Imperialism  
Social Reproduction  
Marxist Internationalisms

*This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.*