POLI 306
Introduction to Marxism

Instructor:
Regan Burles (Summer 2021)

Course description: This course is an overview of key texts in the political thought of Karl Marx and subsequent Marxist traditions and debates. Students will learn and evaluate central concepts in Marxist critiques of political economy and their contemporary consequences and significance.

About the instructor: Regan Burles is a PhD candidate in Political Science. His research focuses on order and world politics in international relations and political theory.

Prerequisites: 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

Course delivery: In the Summer 2021 term, this course will be delivered synchronously.

This online summary is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.