**Nebraska Wesleyan University**

# Democracy

## Catalog

2021-2022

## Program Description

Democracy is both one thing—a form of government based on the principle of popular sovereignty—and many things: a wide array of structures and institutions, a development in human history, an animating spirit in culture and the fine arts, a philosophical ideal, a source of conflict. This thread seeks to acknowledge that multiplicity by including the perspectives on democracy of several different disciplines, ranging over both its abstract principles and its immediate, lived realities, over both its grounds of possibility and its varied realizations. At the same time, the thread seeks to honor democracy as a unified phenomenon, an ongoing, still-emerging answer to the question of how societies and communities can best sustain themselves. The thread aspires to assist in the production of what every democracy indispensably needs: informed, engaged participants.

This thread can be 9 or 18 hours.

Students must take at least one course from the 2000 level or above.

Courses in a 9-hour thread must be from a minimum of two disciplines. Courses in an 18-hour thread must be from a minimum of four disciplines, with no more than nine credits from any one discipline.

| Required Thread Courses | |
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| Select one of these required courses:<br>• POLSC 1010/POLSC 1010FYW Intro To U.S. Govt/Politics<br>• HIST 1020/HIST 1020FYW United States Society and Culture Since 1877<br>• PHIL 2400 Social-Political Philosophy | 3-4 hours |

| Select Additional Courses to meet Thread Requirements | |
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| COMM 2600 Mass Media | 4 hours |
| CRMJS 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice | 4 hours |
| EDUC 2850 Education in a Pluralistic Society | 3 hours |
| ENG 2070 Introduction to U.S. Literature | 4 hours |
| ENG 2230 Topics in World Literature: Democracy | 4 hours |
| ENG 3310 Tocqueville's Democracy in America | 2 hours |
| HIST 1020/HIST 1020FYW United States Society and Culture Since 1877 | 4 hours |
| HIST 2420 Liberalism & Conservatism In Amer Hist | 4 hours |
| IDS 3150 What If, Why Not? | 2 hours |
| IDS 3210 Experiential Learning - Democracy Thread | 1-2 hours |
| JOURN 2610 News Reporting | 4 hours |
| MATH 1010 Mathematics and Democracy | 3 hours |
| MUSIC 3550 Secondary Vocal Music Methods | 3 hours |
| PHIL 2040 Ancient Philosophy | 3 hours |
| PHIL 2400 Social-Political Philosophy | 4 hours |

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| POLSC 1010/POLSC 1010FYW Intro To U.S. Govt/Politics | 3 hours |
| POLSC 2030 Elections | 4 hours |
| POLSC 2200 Race and Politics | 4 hours |
| POLSC 2400 Congress | 4 hours |
| POLSC 3300 Public Opinion | 4 hours |
| RELIG 2340 Religious Diversity in the United States | 3 hours |
| THTRE 2010 Dramatic Literature: Pulitzer Prize | 2 hours |
| THTRE 2020 Dramatic Literature: Tony Awards | 2 hours |
| THTRE 2030 Dramatic Literature: American Comedy | 2 hours |
| THTRE 2060 Dramatic Literature: Banned and Censored | 2 hours |
| THTRE 2230 U.S. Cinema/U.S. Culture | 3 hours |
| THTRE 3800 World Theatre History I | 3 hours |
| THTRE 3810 World Theatre History II | 3 hours |
| THTRE 3830 U.S. Theatre and Cultural Pluralism | 3 hours |

Note: Effective fall 2018 HIST 1010/HIST 1010FYW counts toward the Innovation thread. Students who took the course previously may count the course toward the Democracy thread.