Democratic Ideas

FIG 12 • Fall 2019

11 credits

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106: “Democratic Ideas,” will pursue the following fundamental questions: What is democracy? What are the challenges democracy has faced in the past and faces today? What are the possibilities and problems of democracy? As a political theory class, we will explore both primary texts from the past and consider recent works about contemporary democracy. A key goal of this FIG is for you to engage critically in thinking about what democratic citizenship requires and involves. To this end, we will also make good use of the insights and ideas presented in the other classes linked to this FIG.

Folklore Program 100
Introduction to Folklore

The main seminar for this FIG, Interdisciplinary Courses (L&S) 106: Democratic Ideas, will perform an interdisciplinary examination of the cultural, political, economic, and social patterns that have defined the modern world.

International Studies Program 101
Introduction to International Studies

Folklore 100: “Introduction to Folklore” — Surveys folklore in the United States and around the world, with a comparative emphasis on ways in which individuals and groups use beliefs, songs, stories, sayings, dances, festivals, and artifacts to address issues of identity, authenticity, and authority, in complex societies.

Inter L&S 145: “How to Succeed in College” — This class will help you build skills you’ll need to succeed in college. Drawing on the latest research on how people learn, the class will give you practical guidance on study skills, time management, academic writing, motivation, and self-direction.
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Enrolled in a FIG and you change your mind?

FIG classes are designed to be taken together. When you enroll in a FIG, you are signed up for these classes as a whole group, not as separate classes.

Dropping one FIG class means ending your enrollment in all of the classes in the FIG.

So, here’s what you should know if you want to drop the FIG:

- You can drop all the classes on your own at enroll.wisc.edu. Any non-FIG class will not be affected.
- After classes begin, if you need to drop a single class within the FIG, please contact Kari Fernholz (see below) to review your situation. If necessary, she will provide the required authorization to drop the class.
- Wednesday, September 11, 2019 is the last day to drop a class without it appearing on your college transcript.
- Friday, September 13, 2019 is the last day to add a class without first getting department permission.