

Quarter: Fall 2018

Course: THEORIES OF CITIZENSHIP

Instructor: Mary McThomas, Political Science

Description: In this course, we will explore various theories of citizenship and their impact on rights, status, and protections of different individuals and groups. We will start with traditional models of liberal and republican citizenship and examine how race, gender and culture complicate and expose the limitations of those theories. We will then turn to theories challenging nation-state granted citizenship; arguing instead for status to be granted and rights guaranteed by either supranational or subnational bodies. Finally, we will discuss how understandings of citizenship have been extended to encompass a more expansive definition of who is recognized as members of our communities. Throughout the course, we will examine how the different theories impact our understandings of sovereignty, democratic legitimacy, and recognition.