

Philosophy 166

Classics in Political Philosophy

Winter 2016

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H&SS 7077
 MWF 9:00-9:50
 Office Hour
 M 10:00 -11:00

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. Aristotle: *Politics*

Monday	Jan 4	First Meeting	
Wednesday	Jan 6	Politics and Polis	<i>Pol</i> I 1-3 <i>NE</i> I Reeve Intro
Friday	Jan 8	Household, Village, Polis	I 1-3 VII 1-4
Monday	Jan 11	Slavery	I 3-8
Wednesday	Jan 13	City-State	II 1-5
Friday	Jan 15	Citizens	III 1-6
Monday	Jan 18	MLK Holiday	No class
Wednesday	Jan 20	Constitutions	III 7-17
Friday	Jan 22	The Best Polis I & II	VII 1-16
Monday	Jan 25	The Best Polis III	VII 14-17

First Two-page Paper due in class Monday, January 25

2. Hobbes: *Leviathan*

Wednesday	Jan 27	State of Nature	Lev XIII
Friday	Jan 29	Laws of Nature I & Contracts	XIV,
Monday	Feb 1	Laws of Nature II	XV
Wednesday	Feb 3	Authority	XVI
Friday	Feb 5	Commonwealth I	XVII
Monday	Feb 8	Sovereign	XVIII
Wednesday	Feb 10	Dominion	XX
Friday	Feb 12	Liberty	XXI
Monday	Feb 15	President's Day Holiday	

Second Two-page paper due in class Friday, February 12

3. Rousseau: *The Social Contract*

Wednesday	Feb 17	Freedom, Right, Convention	SC I Introduction, 1; II 11
Friday	Feb 19	Family, Force, Slavery	I 2-4 Book III chapter 15
Monday	Feb 22	Body Politic	I 5
Wednesday	Feb 24	Social Contract: The Problem	I 6
Friday	Feb 26	Social Contract: The Solution	I 6
Monday	Feb 29	Sovereign	I 7
Wednesday	Mar 2	Civil State	I 8
Friday	Mar 4	Property and Equality	I 9
Monday	Mar 7	Sovereignty: Alienation, Division	II 1-2
Wednesday	Mar 9	Sovereignty: Error, Limits	II 3-5
Friday	Mar 11	Law and Lawgiver	II 6-7

Final five-page paper due in class Friday, March 11

Review Session: Friday March 11 5:00-7:00 pm H&SS 7077

Final Exam: Wednesday March 16 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Required Texts

Aristotle	CDC Reeve	<i>The Politics</i>	Hackett
Thomas Hobbes	Edwin Curley	<i>Leviathan</i>	Hackett
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Victor Gourevitch	<i>The Social Contract and other Political Writings</i>	Cambridge U Press

Please purchase *assigned* editions. They have been selected for their overall quality and scholarly apparatus.

Requirements

Regular attendance, class participation, two 2-page papers, one 5-page paper, final examination. **All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.**

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to Turnitin.com. Class ID 11350550 Password: classpass123 (no caps)

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	30% (15+15)
5- Paper	30%
Final	40 %
Total	100%

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down
Bonus points kick in at the half-grade margin (e.g. between a C+ and B-)

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 166 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C- (including a C- on the final).

Additional Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to **bring the text** and to be prepared discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated.

Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible.