

Philosophy 166

Classics in Political Philosophy

Spring 2024

MWF 11:00-11:50 RWAC 0426

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Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

[Library Resources](#)

First Paper Due at start of class Wednesday January 31

Second Paper Due at start of class Wednesday February 21

Third Paper Due at start of class Fri March 15

1. Aristotle: *The Politics*

Monday	Jan 8	Lecture 1
Wednesday	Jan 10	Lecture 2 Politics and Polis Book I: Chapter 1-3
Friday	Jan 12	Lecture 3 Household, Village, Polis: Book I: Chapter 1-3 Book VII: Chapter 1-4
Monday	Jan 15	No Class Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Wednesday	Jan 17	Lecture 4 Slavery Book I: Chapter 3-8
Friday	Jan 19	Lecture 5 City-State Book II: Chapter 1-5
Monday	Jan 22	Lecture 6 Citizens Book III: Chapter 1-6
Wednesday	Jan 24	Lecture 7 Constitutions Book III: 7-17
Friday	Jan 26	Lecture 8 The Best Polis I & II Book VII: 1-13

Monday	Jan 29	Lecture 9 The Best Polis III: <u>Book VII: Chapter 14-17</u>
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2. Hobbes: *The Leviathan*

Wednesday	Jan 31	Lecture 10 The State of Nature <u>Chapter XIII</u> First Paper Due
Friday	Feb 2	Lecture 11 The Law of Nature I <u>Chapter XIV</u>
Monday	Feb 5	Lecture 12 The Law of Nature II <u>Chapter XV</u>
Wednesday	Feb 7	Lecture 13 Authority <u>Chapter XVI</u>
Friday	Feb 9	Lecture 14 Commonwealth <u>Chapter XVII</u>
Monday	Feb 12	Lecture 15 Sovereign <u>Chapter XVIII</u>
Wednesday	Feb 14	Lecture 16 Dominion <u>Chapter XX</u>
Friday	Feb 16	Lecture 17 Liberty: Chapter XXI

3. Rousseau: *The Social Contract*

Monday	Feb 19	No Class Presidents Day Holiday
Wednesday	Feb 21	Lecture 18 Freedom, Right, Convention Book I Chapter 1 Book II Chapter 11 Second Paper Due
Friday	Feb 23	Lecture 19 Family, Force, Slavery Book 1 Chapter 2-4 Book III Chapter 15
Monday	Feb 26	Lecture 20 The Body Politic Book I Chapter 5
Wednesday	Feb 28	Lecture 21 Social Contract: The Problem Book I: Chapter 6
Friday	Mar 1	Lecture 22 Social Contract: The Solution Book I: Chapter 6
Monday	Mar 4	Lecture 23 The Sovereign: Book I: Chapter 7
Wednesday	Mar 6	Lecture 24 The Civil State: Book I: Chapter 8
Friday	Mar 8	Lecture 25 Property and Equality: Book I: Chapter 9
Monday	Mar 11	Lecture 26 Sovereignty I: Alienation, Division: Book II: Chapter 1-2
Wednesday	Mar 13	Lecture 27 Sovereignty II: Error, Limits: Book II: Chapter 3-5

Friday	Mar 15	<p>Lecture 28</p> <p>Law and Lawgiver: Book II: Chapter 6</p> <p>Third Paper Due</p>
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Books (available through UCSD bookstore or from Amazon and UCSD electronic reserves).

Aristotle	CDC Reeve trans.	<i>The Politics</i>	Hackett Press
Hobbes	Edwin Curley ed.	<i>The Leviathan</i>	Hackett Press
Rousseau	Victor Gourevitch trans. ed.	<i>The Social Contract</i>	Cambridge U Press

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

Course Requirements

- Attendance
- Three five-page papers

All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.

Three or more unexcused absences will result in your final grade dropping one letter. For an excused absence you must email the instructor by email, preferably in advance.

Papers

Due dates subject to revision. Papers are to be turned in through Canvas.

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. Use of AI is strongly discouraged. Any use of AI must be cited.

No Screens

Use of laptops, tablets, and smart phones in class is prohibited. Please speak to the instructor if you have special circumstances. Policy exception: Electronics may be used to refer to texts in class.

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-.

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.