

Political Science 1: Western Political Tradition

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Texts

Required

Aristotle, *Politics*
Hobbes, *Leviathan*
Locke, *Second Treatise on Civil Government*
Machiavelli, *The Prince*
Plato, *Republic*
Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Human Inequality, or The Social Contract*
Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*
United States Constitution
United States Declaration of Independence

Recommended

The following works should also be included, space permitting:

Aquinas, writings on law and politics
“Federalist” Papers
Montesquieu, *Spirit of the Laws*
Rousseau, *Emile* (“Sophie”)
Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*

Any of the following readings may also be used:

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

Douglass, *The Story of My Life*
 French Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen
 Kant, "Essay on Perpetual Peace"
 Las Casas, *Defense of the Indians*
 Jefferson et al., *The People Shall Judge*
 Truth, *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth*
 Works by suffragists

Course Readings

A list of the books and articles used in this course follows in the order in which they are read. Additional assignments will be announced in class.

Plato, *The Republic*
 Aristotle, *Politics*
 Machiavelli, *The Prince*
 Hobbes, *Leviathan*
 Locke, *Second Treatise on Civil Government*
 Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings*
 Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*
 Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
 Jefferson et al., *The People Shall Judge*
 Truth, *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth*
 Douglass, *The Story of My Life*

Course Requirements

Two 5–6 page essays are required for this course. These essays count for 50 percent of the grade (25 percent each). Class participation counts for the other 50 percent of the grade. Participation comprises attendance, preparation, attentiveness, contribution to discussion, and respect for other members of the class and the authors. All of these aspects of participation affect your grade. You are subject to being dropped from the course if you miss more than 3 classes (the equivalent of one weekend).

Syllabus

Weekend 1	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Books 1–4; Book 5, 449–477e; Book 6, 484–489d; Book 7, 514–520a
Weekend 2	1st class: Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book 8 2nd class: Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , Book 1; Book 2, chs. 1–5 3rd class: Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , Book 3
Weekend 3	1st class: Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>

	2nd class:	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , Introduction and Part 1, chs. 1–5,
	3rd class:	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , chs. 17–18, 21–22, 27–29, 30–31
Weekend 4		FIRST ESSAY DUE
	1st class:	Locke, <i>Second Treatise on Civil Government</i> , 1–8
	2nd class:	Locke, <i>Second Treatise on Civil Government</i> , 9–19
	3rd class:	Rousseau, <i>The Social Contract</i> , Books 1 and 2
Weekend 5	1st class:	Rousseau, <i>The Social Contract</i> , Books 3 and 4
	2nd class:	Smith, <i>The Wealth of Nations</i>
	3rd class:	Rousseau, <i>Emile</i> ; Wollstonecraft, <i>A Vindication of the Rights of Woman</i> , Author's Introduction and chs. 1–4; ch. 5, sec. 1; chs. 8–12
Weekend 6	1st class,	
	2nd class:	<i>The People Shall Judge</i> , pp. 181–204, 228–244, 220–225, 254: B, C, G, H, I
	3rd class:	274–286, 286: A, B, G, H, I
Weekend 7	1st class:	Adams, Cady, Stanton, Anthony, Married Women's Property Act, Declaration of Sentiments
	2nd class:	Douglass, <i>The Story of My Life</i>
	3rd class:	Truth, <i>The Narrative of Sojourner Truth</i>
Weekend 8		FINAL PAPER DUE ALL REWRITES DUE