

Honors Social Sciences I HOP 195-01
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MW 12-1:15, 311E

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Course Description

The theme of this course is relations between the individual and the state. Issues first laid out by Plato, such as the extent and limits of individual rights and of the state's responsibilities, continue to be at the forefront of daily political life in America. In his Republic, Plato created a model of a just society that provided the basis for subsequent discussions by political philosophers about the nature of the state and about human nature. We will read the whole of Plato's Republic slowly and carefully, before turning to excerpted readings from important works by men and women political thinkers.

Requirements

- Two five-page papers. I do not grade the first draft of your first paper, but make extensive comments and work with you on editing techniques, which you apply by revising the first paper for a grade. Any paper can be revised for a better grade. (25% each)

The first paper (on Plato) is due on Friday, February 18. The second paper (your choice) is due the Monday of the week following the discussion of the thinker you have decided to write on; the paper is due no later than Friday, April 14.

- Two five-minute oral presentations on your ideas to the class before you write your papers. (5% each)
- Once a week, a writing exercise on the week's reading on-line through email with me and the class (instead of a midterm) (20%)
- Final exam (20%)

Required Texts

Plato's Republic (Grube translation revised by Reeve)
Princeton Readings in Political Thought

1M	10 Jan	Introduction
W	12 Jan	Plato's <u>Republic</u> , Book 1
2T	17 Jan	School holiday
W	19 Jan	Book 2
3M	24 Jan	Book 3
W	26 Jan	Book 4
4M	31 Jan	Book 5
W	2 Feb	Book 6
5M	7 Feb	Book 7
W	9 Feb	Book 8
6M	14 Feb	Book 9
W	16 Feb	Book 10
•F	18 Feb	first paper due
7M	21 Feb	Aristotle, <u>The Politics</u> (all subsequent readings in Princeton reader)
W	23 Feb	St. Augustine, <u>The City of God</u> St. Thomas Aquinas, <u>Politics and Law</u>
		SPRING BREAK
8M	6 Mar	Machiavelli, <u>The Prince</u> and <u>Discourses on Livy</u>
W	8 Mar	Hobbes, <u>Leviathan</u>
9M	13 Mar	Locke, <u>Second Treatise of Government</u>
W	15 Mar	Rousseau, <u>On the Social Contract</u> and <u>Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality Among Men</u>

10M 20 Mar Smith, The Wealth of Nations

- W 22 Mar Publius, The Federalist Papers
Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen
Mill, On Liberty
- 11M 27 Mar** de Tocqueville, Democracy in America
- W 29 Mar de Gouges, Declaration of the Rights of Women and Citizens
Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman
Mill, On the Subjection of Women
- 12M 3 Apr** Marx, A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy,
Estranged Labor, The Communist Manifesto, After the Revolution, and Capital
- W 5 Apr Weber, Politics as a Vocation
Strauss, What is Political Philosophy?
- 13M 10 Apr** Arendt, The Origins of Totalitarianism
Orwell, Politics and the English Language
- W 12 Apr Goldman, Victims of Morality
de Beauvoir, The Second Sex
- F 14 Apr second paper due
- 14M 17 Apr** Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth
King, Letter from Birmingham Jail
Malcolm X, The Ballot or the Bullet
- W 19 Apr Rawls, A Theory of Justice
- 15M 24 Apr** Walzer, In Defense of Equality
Nozick, Anarchy, State, and Utopia
- W 26 Apr Habermas, The Public Sphere
Foucault, Discipline and Punish