

Classical Political Theory

Political Science 4800/AMS 4800

Middlebush Hall 310

M/W/F 1:00-1:50pm

Instructor: Dr. Rodolfo Hernandez

Course Description: Great Greek, Roman, and Medieval political theorists on the relation of psychology, ethics, politics, and the best form of government.

Required Texts:

Four Texts on Socrates (Cornell Press, Trans. West and West) ISBN-10:0801485746

Plutarch's Greek and Romans Lives (Dover Thrift) ISBN-10:0486445763

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics (University of Chicago) ISBN-10:0226026752

Augustine: Political Writings (Hackett) ISBN-10:0872202100

Thomas Aquinas: On Kingship (Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies ISBN-10:0888442513

Russell Hittinger: The First Grace (ISI) ISBN-10:1933859466

Other texts will be posted online.

ASSESSMENT

Four 4-5 page typed papers will be assigned in this course. Attendance is ten percent of the final grade. Final grades will be calculated by taking the three highest paper grades weighed at thirty percent each, plus the ten percent attendance grade. Students who are satisfied with their first three paper grades do not need to write the fourth paper. Papers will be analytic essays focused on the section of the course being covered; no research other than from assigned course materials will be required. Any plagiarized papers will be given a zero on the assignment and that score will be included in the final grade.

Attendance will be scored proportionally. For example this course has 29 class sessions and Student A was absent for 4 class sessions. Student A will be marked "Present" for 25 out of 29 class sessions. Student A's attendance grade is calculated: $25/29 = 86.2$.

Your semester grade will be calculated as follows:

Paper One 30%

Paper Two 30%

Paper Three 30%

Attendance 10%

Paper Four replaces lowest paper score but cannot replace a plagiarized paper.

Final course grades will be calculated as follows:

97-100 = A+
94-96 = A
90-93 = A-
87-89 = B+
84-86 = B
80-83 = B-
77-79 = C+
74-76 = C
70-73 = C-
67-69 = D+
64-66 = D
60-63 = D-
0-59 = F

LATE PAPER POLICY

Late papers will be reduced 5 points a day and will not be accepted after the fifth day.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend class and be on time. Absences will negatively affect one's grades because **attendance is a portion of the final grade** and students will be expected to be familiar with material that is presented and discussed in class.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

Please notify me of any disability that may affect your performance in this course. To request special academic accommodations, students must first register with the Office of Disability Services.

Academic Dishonesty:

Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor

Intellectual Pluralism:

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the departmental chair or divisional director; the director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities; the MU Equity Office, or equity@missouri.edu.

Tentative Course Outline:

January 23, 2019 Syllabus and Introduction

January 25, 2019 Eric Voegelin "On Classical Studies"

James Stockdale “The World of Epictetus” and “In War, In Prison, In Antiquity”

January 28, 2019 Plato, “The Euthyphro”

January 30, 2019 Plato, “The Apology”

February 01, 2019 Plato, “The Crito”

February 04, 2019 Aristophanes “The Clouds”

February 06, 2019 Peter Lawler “Our Hero, Socrates”

PAPER ONE DUE ON FEBRUARY 08, 2019

February 08, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Book 1

February 11, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Books 2-3.5

February 13, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Books 3.6-4

February 15, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Books 5-7

February 18, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Books 8-9

February 20, 2019 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Book 10

February 22, 2019 Aristotle, Politics, Book 1

February 25, 2019 James Gordley, “The Moral Foundations of Private Law”

PAPER TWO DUE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019

February 27, 2019	Epictetus, "The Enchiridion"
March 01, 2019	Plutarch, "Life of Solon"
March 04, 2019	Plutarch, "Life of Alexander"
March 06, 2019	Plutarch, "Life of Caesar"
March 08, 2019	Plutarch, "Life of Cicero"
March 11, 2019	Cicero, "De Officiis"
March 13, 2019	Charles E. Butterworth, "Medieval Islamic Philosophy and the Virtue of Ethics"
March 15, 2019	<p>Old Testament:</p> <p>Origins: Genesis 1-4</p> <p>Law: Exodus 20:1-21; Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Leviticus 24:17- 22</p> <p>Righteousness and justice: Ezekiel 18; Amos 5; Micah 6</p> <p>Wisdom: Proverbs 1-4</p> <p>On rulers: I Samuel 8:4-22</p> <p>On civil disobedience: Exodus 1:8-21; I Samuel 22:6-19; Daniel 3</p>
March 18, 2019	<p>New Testament:</p> <p>Life and death of Christ: John 1:1-18; John 18-20</p> <p>Reinterpreting the law: Matthew 5; Mark 12:28-34</p> <p>Law and righteousness: Romans 1:16-3:31, 5-6</p> <p>Law of love: Luke 10:25-37; I Corinthians 13</p> <p>Parable of the wheat and the tares: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p> <p>Christian citizenship: Philippians 2:5-11, 3:17-21; Ephesians 2:19-22</p> <p>Submission to government: Matthew 22:15-22; Romans 13; I Peter 2:13-17</p> <p>Civil disobedience: Acts 4:5-22; Acts 5:27-32</p> <p>Government as beast: Revelation 13</p>

The end of history and the City of God: Matthew 24; Revelation 19-22

March 20, 2019	Fortin, Introduction to Augustine Political Writings Augustine, 1-47
March 22, 2019	Augustine, 48-109
March 25, 2019	SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)
March 27, 2019	SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)
March 29, 2019	SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)
April 01, 2019	Augustine, 110-163
April 03, 2019	Augustine, 202-256
April 05, 2019	James V. Schall, The “Realism” of Augustine’s “Political Realism” PAPER THREE DUE ON APRIL 05, 2019
April 08, 2019	Joseph Costanzo, Christian Politeia I
April 10, 2019	Joseph Costanzo, Christian Politeia II
April 12, 2019	TBD
April 15, 2019	Aquinas, “On Kingship” Book I

April 17, 2019	Aquinas, "On Kingship" Book II
April 19, 2019	Acton, The History of Liberty in Antiquity
April 22, 2019	Acton, The History of Freedom in Christianity
April 24, 2019	Hittinger, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3
April 26, 2019	Hittinger, Chapter 4 and Chapter 5
April 29, 2019	Hittinger, Chapter 11
May 01, 2019	Leo XIII, Rerum Novarum
May 03, 2019	John Paul II, Centesimus Annus
May 06, 2019	Ellis Sandoz, Education and the American Founding
May 08, 2019	Alasdair Macintyre, After Virtue: A study in Moral Theory Chapters 1-3

PAPER FOUR DUE ON MAY 15, 2019

This course outline is tentative and subject to change as the class develops.