

Oxford College of Emory University
Pol. Sc. 301 Classical Political Thought
Syllabus

Seney, 209
M, W, F 10:05-10:55
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Prerequisite: Pols 101

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the thought of major figures of classical political philosophy. Students will study the roots of Western culture by reading selections from the works of Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero. In addition, the students will be encouraged to critically analyze the political thought of these Greek and Roman philosophers.

TEXTS:

Plato: EUTHYPHRO, APOLOGY, CRITO, Church, trans. (Macmillan)
Plato: THE REPUBLIC, Bloom, trans. (Basic Books)
Aristotle: THE POLITICS, Lord, trans. (Chicago)
Cicero: ON THE COMMONWEALTH, Sabine, trans. (Macmillan)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Three announced in-class tests will be given during the course of the semester. These tests will be given during regular class periods and will count for a total of 45% of the student's final grade. Any unexcused absence from a test will result in a grade of zero for that test. The scheduled dates for these tests are September 16, October 18, and November 18. Also, a take-home essay test will be given and count for 20% of the student's final grade. The take-home test will be due in class on December 6. A comprehensive final examination is scheduled for 2:00-5:00 p.m. on December 13, 1991. The final exam will count for 15% of the student's final grade. In addition, there will be not fewer than three unannounced quizzes given during the course of the semester. The average on these quiz grades will count for 10% of the student's final grade. These quizzes may be given on any scheduled class day. The remaining 10% of the student's final grade will be based upon the quality of that student's participation in class discussion. All examinations, tests, and quizzes are cumulative. The requirements listed above are comprehensive and inclusive--no "extra credit" will be allowed.

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MAKE-UP WORK:

An unexcused absence from any quiz, test or examination will result in the grade of zero for that quiz, test or examination.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Students are also expected to arrive for class on time. Students who are not in class are unable to participate in discussion and take quizzes. In addition, students who miss more than four classes will lose the benefit of the doubt in the calculation of his or her final grade.

HONOR CODE:

It is assumed that all students are aware of the Honor Code. The Honor Code is always in force!

ASSIGNMENTS:

A tentative outline of the class schedule for the entire semester is attached. Unless otherwise notified in class (or noted on the outline), students should complete the reading assignments for each chapter by the first day scheduled for discussion of the topic on the outline. For the purposes of quizzes, students are expected to have completed all readings by the first day they are due.

THE COURSE SYLLABUS PROVIDES A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE COURSE;
DEVIATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY.

Reading Assignments For Pols 301

Aug. 26	Introduction to course
Aug. 28, Sept. 4	Plato: <u>Apology of Socrates</u>
[Aug. 30, Sept. 2	NO MEETING. Read Plato.]
Sept. 6, 9, 11, 13	Plato: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 1 & 2
Sept. 16	TEST I. Covers Plato's <u>Apology</u> & <u>Republic</u> , BK. 1
Sept. 18, 20, 23, 25	Plato: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 3, 4 & 5
Sept. 27, 30	Plato: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 6 & 7
Oct. 2, 4, 7	Plato: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 8, 9 & 10
Oct. 9, 14	Plato: <u>The Crito</u>
[Oct. 11	Fall Break. NO MEETING. Read Plato.]
Oct. 16	Discussion and Questions on Plato.
Oct. 18	TEST II. Covers all of Plato.
Oct. 21, 23, 25, 28	Aristotle: <u>The Politics</u> , Books 1, 2 & 3
Oct. 30, Nov. 1, 4, 6	Aristotle: <u>The Politics</u> , Book 4, 5 & 6
[Nov. 8	NO MEETING. Read Aristotle.]
Nov. 11, 13	Aristotle: <u>The Politics</u> , Books 7 & 8
Nov. 15	Discussion & Questions on Aristotle's <u>Politics</u> .
Nov. 18	Test III. Covers all material through Aristotle.
Nov. 20, 22, 25	Cicero: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 1, 2 & 3
[Nov. 27, 29	Thanksgiving Recess. NO CLASS. Read Cicero]
Dec. 2, 4	Cicero: <u>The Republic</u> , Books 4, 5 & 6
Dec. 6	Summary and Conclusions. TAKE-HOME TEST DUE!
Dec. 13	FINAL EXAMINATION (2:00-5:00 PM)