PSCI 101-102, 2009-2010
9:40 -11:00 a.m.
Office Hours: T 2-4 p.m. W 10 a.m.-12 noon
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FALL TERM SYLLABUS

I. Course Requirements
Attendance is the first among course requirements. This is a discussion course and you can't
discuss without being there. Nor can you discuss very well without having done the reading
carefully (the second course requirement), or without engaging in articulate speech (the third
course requirement). Four papers will be assigned in the Fall; there will be no examination at the
end of the term. (Three papers will be assigned in the Spring and there will be a three hour Final
Examination covering the whole year.) There may be quizzes on the reading. I also want you to
e-mail me a question about every NEW reading before class.

II. Grading
Your first term grade will be made up of 20% for each paper, and 20% for class participation.
Your second semester grade will be made up of 25% for each paper and 25% for class
participation. Your final grade will be figured as follows: 40% for each term and 20% for the
final examination.

Late papers will be graded down one mark per day (e.g. an A paper becomes an A- if one day
late and a B+ if two days late etc.; a paper that is never handed in gets a double F). Excuses for
lateness need to be arranged before the paper is due and need to be extremely good. The
discussion questions are not graded as such but are considered in your class participation grade.
The quizzes are graded and are also considered in your class participation grade.

III. Readings
Sophocles, Three Tragedies
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
Plato and Aristophanes, Four Texts on Socrates
Aristotle, Politics
John Locke, Second Treatise of Government
Letter on Toleration
J.S. Mill, On Liberty
Henrik Ibsen, Four Major Plays
Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, vol. II (Mansfield-Winthrop translation)
George Orwell, The Road to Wigan Pier
Moodle readings

IV. Academic Honesty
Carefully consult the Student Handbook's wisdom on the subject. It applies here. But a special
consideration applies to this class. We will be reading primary sources, many of which you may
find difficult. That's the idea. You should not go to secondary sources to get the word (i.e. some scholar's word) on Locke or Marx or Lincoln. The idea is for you to grapple, on your own terms, with the authors you will come up against here.

V. Course Evaluation
You will be asked to fill out both a collegiate and a departmental course evaluation at the end of the year.

VI. Disabilities
If you have a disability and therefore may have need for some type of accommodation(s) in order to participate fully in this class, please feel free to discuss your concerns in private with me AND be sure to contact Dean Erin Salva at PBX 5145 or via email.

VII. Assignments

September 1 Introduction

I. The Political Problem: Justice for Whom?

3 Sophocles, Antigone (the whole play).

8 Antigone

10 Plutarch, "Lycurgus," (Moodle)

FIRST PAPER ASSIGNED

15 Thucydides, "The Funeral Oration of Pericles," The Peloponnesian War, Book II, pars. 34-54

17 Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue," Book V, pars. 84-115

FIRST PAPER DUE

II. The Account of Ancient Philosophy: Virtue and Justice

22 Plato, Apology of Socrates (in Four Texts)

24 Apology

SECOND PAPER ASSIGNED

29 Plato, Crito

October 1 Aristotle, Politics, Book I, chs. 1-7, pp. 8-20
SECOND PAPER DUE

October 6 Aristotle, Politics, Book III, chs. 6-13, pp. 87-105

III. The Account of Modern Philosophy: Rights and Justice

OCTOBER BREAK

8 Locke, Second Treatise, chs. 1-5
15 Locke, Second Treatise, chs. 6-10, 11 and 14
20 Locke, Second Treatise, ch. 19; Letter on Toleration

IV. The American Solution: Liberal Democracy

22 Declaration of Independence (Moodle)
27 Federalist 10 and 51; Brutus, Centinel (Moodle)
29 Lincoln-Douglas Debates (extracts) (Moodle)


THIRD PAPER ASSIGNED

5 Frederick Douglass, “Fourth of July Oration” (Moodle, or, if not, xerox)

V. Liberal Democracy's Friendly Critics

10 Mill, On Liberty, chs. 1-2

THIRD PAPER DUE

17 Ibsen, An Enemy of the People
19 Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 479-503

December 1 Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 504-521 and 558-577

FOURTH PAPER ASSIGNED
December  3 Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 587-604 and 661-676.

VI. Capitalism: Liberal Democracy and Economics

8  Adam Smith, Selections from *Wealth of Nations* (CP)

**FOURTH PAPER DUE**

10  Smith, Selections

15  Concluding Discussion (or—much more likely—catching up)

Semester Break

(Nota Bene: Read Part I of Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier*, over the break)