I. Readings

Sophocles, *Three Tragedies*
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War* (Crawley translation)
Plato and Aristophanes, *Four Texts on Socrates*
Aristotle, *Politics* (Simpson translation)
John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*
John Locke, *A Letter concerning Toleration*
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty*
Henrik Ibsen, *Four Major Plays*
Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (Mansfield and Winthrop translation)
George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier*
Course Packet, On-line. Go to moodle.kenyon.edu (enter your Kenyon user name and password)

II. Requirements and Grades

This is primarily a discussion, not a lecture, course, and you are expected to attend every class prepared to discuss the assigned reading. Please bring the text we are scheduled to discuss with you to class. When we are discussing a reading from Moodle, please print it out and bring it to class. Lateness and unexcused absences will bring a reduction in the attendance/participation portion of your grade. Anyone with more than 4 unexcused absences will receive an F for the class participation grade. To help ensure that you complete the readings and read carefully, I may give as many as 5 unannounced quizzes during the semester. I may also give other minor assignments as I see fit. Each individual quiz or minor assignment will be worth no more than 2% of your grade. All such quizzes and assignments will be part of your overall participation grade.

Three 4-5 page papers will be assigned this semester. Late papers will be graded down one mark per day (e.g. an A paper becomes an A- if one day late, a B+ if two days late, etc.). A paper that is never handed in gets a double F. When writing, be sure to pay attention to the Student Handbook's policy on academic honesty. Please do not hesitate to discuss your papers with me while working on them: I will be happy to give you whatever advice I can. I will say much more about paper-writing when I hand out the first topic.

At the end of this semester there will be an in-class exam.

Your first semester grade will be calculated as follows:

- Papers: 60% (20% per paper)
- Participation: 25%
- Exam: 15%

Your first and second semester grades will each count for 40% of your final grade. The final exam at the end of the course will count for the remaining 20%.

III. Disabilities

If you have a disability that will affect your participation in class, please let me know and also contact Erin Salva, Coordinator of Disability Services, at ext. 5453.
IV. Course Outline and Assignments
NB: This is a rough schedule of readings and assignments. Both the dates for the readings and for the assignments may be changed in order to accommodate the pace of the class. The readings may be modified.

August 31: Introduction

(1) The Ancients on the Problem of the Individual and the City

September 2: Introduction and Sophocles, *Antigone* (the whole play)

4: Class Cancelled

7: Sophocles, *Antigone*

9: Plutarch, "Lycurgus" (CP = Course Packet)

11: Thucydides, "Pericles' Funeral Oration," *The Peloponnesian War*, Book II, paragraphs 34-54


18: Plato, *Apology of Socrates*, in *Four Texts* Plato; FIRST PAPER ASSIGNED

21: Plato, *Apology of Socrates*

23: Plato, *Apology of Socrates*

25: Plato, *Crito*, in *Four Texts*

28: Plato, *Crito*; FIRST PAPER DUE


5: Aristotle, *Politics*, Book III, chs. 6-9

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12: READING DAYS


(2) The Modern Liberal "Solution"

16: Locke, *Second Treatise*, chs. 1-3, 5; SECOND PAPER ASSIGNED

19: Locke, *Second Treatise*, chs. 5, 7-9

21: Locke, *Second Treatise*, chs. 5, 7-9

23: Locke, *Second Treatise*, chs. 11-14 and 18-19; *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
26: Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*; SECOND PAPER DUE

(3) American Liberal Democracy

28: Declaration of Independence (CP)

30: *Federalist* 10 and 51 (CP); Brutus, *Centinel* (CP)

November 2: *Federalist* 10 and 51 (CP); Brutus, *Centinel* (CP)

4: Lincoln-Douglas Debates (CP); Thoreau, "The Law of God and the Law of the Land" (CP)

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(4) Liberal Democracy's Friendly Critics


11: Mill, *On Liberty*, chs. 1-4

13: Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People*

16: Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People*

18: Tocqueville, 3-15, 178-192, 234-249, 403-426, 469-72

20: Tocqueville, 3-15, 178-192, 234-249, 403-426, 469-72; THIRD PAPER ASSIGNED

23, 25, 27: THANKSGIVING VACATION


(5) Liberal Democracy and Capitalism

9: Smith, *Wealth of Nations* (CP)

11: Catch-up class

14: IN-CLASS EXAM

NOTE: Please read Orwell's *The Road to Wigan Pier*, Part 1, over the break.