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Texts

Sophocles, *Three Tragedies*
Plato and Aristophanes, tr. and ed. West and West, *Four Texts on Socrates*
Aristotle, *Politics*
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*
Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*
Locke, *Letter on Toleration*
John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*
Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*
George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier*
Custom Course Packet PSCI 101 (bound photocopies)

Requirements

*Attendance and Participation*—You are expected to come to class every session prepared to discuss the reading assigned for that day. More than three unexcused absences will result in one full grade deduction from your final grade. (Religious observance excuses any student from any class.) As this will be a discussion course, your contribution will be an important part of the class and your most significant responsibility.

*Quizzes*—Because preparation is vital to vibrant discussion, I will occasionally use unannounced quizzes to check your preparation. They will contribute to the calculation of your participation grade.

*Papers*—Four 3-5 page papers will be assigned this semester. Due dates are posted in the schedule of classes. This is a writing course, and should prepare you to become an effective writer of longer papers. Please feel free to discuss any paper with me before or after they are graded. There will be scheduled paper conferences after your first paper
Do not use secondary sources, including internet sources in preparing papers for this course. I want to see your insights.

Policies

Late papers will be deducted one half letter grade (e.g., A- becomes B+) for each day late. Any uncompleted paper will receive a 0 (which damages an average much more than an F).
You are expected to know and follow Kenyon’s rules regarding academic honesty, as described in Student Handbook.

Students with disabilities should contact Erin Silva (5143) and discuss your needs privately with me.

**Grading**

PSCI 101-102 is a year course. Your first semester grade will be a tentative grade.

Your final and permanent grade for the year will be:

- 40% Fall semester grade
- 40% Spring semester grade
- 20% Cumulative final exam

Your fall semester grade will be:

- 20% paper 1
- 20% paper 2
- 20% paper 3
- 20% paper 4
- 20% class participation

**Course Schedule**

**I. Individual and Community in the Ancient City**

- **August 29**       Introduction
- **August 31**       Sophocles, *Antigone*, l 1-870
- **September 2**     Sophocles, *Antigone*, l 870-1420

- **September 5**     Sophocles, *Antigone*, continued (re-read entire)
- **September 7**     Plato, *Apology of Socrates*, 17a-24b  (read all)
- **September 9**     Plato, *Apology*, 24b-28a

- **September 12**    Plato, *Apology*, 28b-35d
- **September 14**    Plato *Apology*, 35d-42a
- **September 16**    Plato, *Crito* (all)

**Paper 1 assigned**
September 19  Aristotle, *Politics*, Book 1

September 21  Aristotle, *Politics*, Book 3, Chs1-11


**Paper 1 Due**

September 26  Aristotle, *Politics* 6.1-3, 8-11

September 28  Aristotle, *Politics* 4. 1-3, 13-17

September 30  Aristotle, *Politics*, Review

October 3  Sparta: Plutarch, “Lycurgus” (CCP 1-14)

October 5  Athens: Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, 2.34-46

Pericles’ Funeral Oration

October 7  Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, 5.84-116

The Melian Dialogue

**OCTOBER READING DAYS—No Classes**

II. American Liberal Democracy

A. Founding Principles

October 12  Locke, *Second Treatise*, Chs 1-4

October 14  Locke, *Second Treatise*, Ch 5

October 17  Locke, *Second Treatise*, Chs 8-9, 15

**(Paper 2 assigned)**

October 19  Locke, *Letter on Toleration*

October 21  Locke Review

October 24  *The Declaration of Independence* (CCP 15-18)

**Paper 2 due**
October 26  
*Federalist 10* (CCP 19-23)

October 28  
*Federalist 51* (CCP 25-27)

October 31  
Anti-federalists’ Case:  
Brutus on Large Republics,  
Centinel on Separation of Powers (CCP 20-32)

**B. Freedom and Equality for All?**

November 2  
Frederick Douglass, “What is the Slave to the Fourth of July” (CCP 127-145)

November 4  

November 7  
from Lincoln-Douglas debates (CCP 33-46)  
**Paper 3 assigned**

November 9  
from Lincoln-Douglas debates  (CCP 46-52)

**III. Liberal Democracy’s Friendly Critics**

November 11  

November 14  
John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*, Parts 3-4  
**Paper 3 due**

November 16  
*Terminiello v. Chicago* (CCP 55-72)

November 18  
*Roth v. United States*,  
*Paris Adult Theatre v. Slaton* (CCP 73- 96)

**THANKSGIVING WEEK—No Classes**

November 28  
Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People*, Acts 1-3

November 30  
Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People*, Acts 4-5
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Read George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier* during Winter Break