FALL TERM SYLLABUS

I. **Course Requirements:** a) attendance is required and absences excused only on account of grave matters; lively participation in the deliberation is expected; b) four papers (4-5 pages each) and no final exam in the Fall (three papers and an in-class final exam covering the whole year in the Spring); for the papers, students should have preparatory-exploratory conversations with the professor during office hours; c) quizzes on the reading. (No re-writes and no e-mail submissions of papers [queries etc. are fine].)

II. **Grading:** Your first term grade will be made up of 15% for the first paper, 20% for each of the rest, and 25% for class participation (including quizzes). Your second semester grade will be made up of 25% for each paper and 25% for class participation. Your final grade is likely to be figured as follows: 40% for each term and 20% for the final examination.

Late papers will be graded down one grade segment a 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). Excellent excuses for lateness should only be made before the paper is due. Discussion questions are not graded as such but are considered in your class participation grade. The quizzes are graded and are included in your class participation grade.

Papers will be graded above all for seriousness (not precluding playfulness), clarity, fullness, and depth.

III. **Readings**

Sophocles, *Antigone* (as found in Three Tragedies), trans. Grene
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, trans. Crawley
Plato and Aristophanes, *Four Texts on Socrates*, trans. West
John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*
J.S. Mill, *On Liberty*
Henrik Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People* (in Four Major Plays)
Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, trans. Mansfield-Winthrop
Milton Friedman, *Capitalism and Freedom*
Course Packet, “The Quest for Justice”
George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier*

IV. **Academic Honesty**

Follow the instructions of the Student Handbook. In general, do not resort to or rely on secondary literature.
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 a need for some type of accommodation 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 x5145 or via email.

VII. Assignments

1. THE ANCIENTS ON THE PROBLEM OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE CITY

    August 31: Introduction
    September 2: Antigone (the whole play)
    September 7: Antigone
    September 9: Plutarch, “Lycurgus” (from the course packet) FIRST PAPER ASSIGNED
    September 14: Thucydides, “The Funeral Oration of Pericles” (Book II, pars. 34-54)
    September 16: Thucydides, “Melian Dialogue” (Bk V, pars. 84-115) FIRST PAPER DUE
    September 21: Plato, Apology
    September 23: Plato, Apology; Crito SECOND PAPER ASSIGNED
    September 28: Aristotle, Politics, Book I, chs. 1-7, 12-13
    September 30: Aristotle, Politics, Book III, chs. 6-13 SECOND PAPER DUE

2. MODERN PHILOSOPHY’S “SOLUTION” TO THE PROBLEM OF JUSTICE

    October 5: Locke, Second Treatise, chs. 1-5
    October 7: Locke, Second Treatise, chs. 6-8
    October 9-12: October Break
October 14:  Locke, Second Treatise, chs. 9-11, 14, 19

3. AMERICAN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

October 19:  Declaration of Independence (Course Packet)

October 21:  Federalist 10 and 51; Brutus, Centinel (Course Packet)

October 26:  Lincoln-Douglas Debates (Course Packet)


4. LIBERAL DEMOCRACY’S FRIENDLY CRITICS

November 2:  Mill, On Liberty, chs. 1-2

November 4:  Mill, On Liberty, ch. 2; Terminiello v. Chicago (Course Packet)

November 9:  Mill, On Liberty, chs. 3-4; Paris Adult Theater v. Slaton  **THIRD PAPER DUE**

November 11:  Ibsen, An Enemy of the People

November 16: Tocqueville, Democracy in America, introduction; pp. 479-506

November 18: Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 506-517

November 22-30: Thanksgiving Break

November 30: Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 517-532, 606-617

December 2:  Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 643-645, 661-676  **FOURTH PAPER ASSIGNED**

5. CAPITALISM AND LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

December 7:  Adam Smith, Selections from Wealth of Nations (Course Packet)

December 9:  Milton Friedman, Capitalism and Freedom, Intro and chs. 1, 2, 10, 13  **FOURTH PAPER DUE**

December 14: Concluding Discussion
Vacation: Please read Part I of Orwell, The Road to Wigan Pier