THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE

Readings

Sophocles, Antigone (trans. Grene)
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War (trans. Crawley)
Plato, Apology and Crito (trans. West)
Aristotle, Politics (trans. Simpson)
J. Locke, Second Treatise of Government
J.S. Mill, On Liberty
H. Ibsen, An Enemy of the People (trans. Fjelde)
A. de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (trans. Mansfield)
G. Orwell, Road to Wigan Pier
Various, "Quest for Justice" Readings @ moodle.kenyon.edu (please print out & bring to class)

Requirements

Three 4-5 page papers and an in-class exam. Your first late paper will be marked down one grade increment, unless an extension has been granted. (Normally, only one extension per semester will be permitted). Subsequent late papers will be marked down three grade increments. Papers will not be accepted a week past the due date; failure to complete an assignment will significantly lower your final grade. I do not allow re-writes.

You will be expected to attend class regularly and to participate actively in discussions of the assigned reading. To facilitate discussion and monitor preparedness, I may call on you in class. I will also give occasional pop quizzes. More than two absences during the semester will automatically result in a penalty in the attendance/participation portion of your grade.

Your (unrecorded) first semester grade will be based on an average of the papers, the in-class exam, and class participation/attendance/quizzes, each worth 20%. Your second semester grade will be calculated similarly (25% for each paper, 25% for participation/attendance/quizzes), and your final mark for the course will count each semester grade 40% and the final examination 20%.
COURSE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNMENTS

I. Ancient Political Theory and Practice

A. Individual and Community

August
28 Introduction: what is justice?
30 Sophocles, Antigone

September
4 Sophocles, Antigone
6 *Plutarch, Lycurgus (*moodle.kenyon.edu)
11 Thucydides, Peloponnesian War, "Pericles' Funeral Oration"; "Melian Dialogue"
13 Plato, Apology
18 Plato, Apology; Crito
PAPER #1 ASSIGNED

B. Regime

20 Aristotle, Politics, Book I, chs. 1-7, 12-13
25 Aristotle, Politics, Book III, chs. 6-9
26 PAPER #1 DUE (Noon, Horwitz House)
27 Aristotle, Politics, Book III, chs. 10-13

II. Modern Liberalism and American Democracy

October
2 Locke, Second Treatise, 1-4
4 Locke, Second Treatise, 5
6-9 OCTOBER BREAK
11 Locke, Second Treatise, 6-8
16 Locke, Second Treatise, 9, 11, 14, 19

18 *Declaration of Independence; *Federalist #10
PAPER #2 ASSIGNED

23 *Federalist #10, #51; *Brutus; *Centinel

25 *Lincoln/Douglas debates; *Thoreau, Law of God...

26 PAPER #2 DUE (Noon, Horwitz House)

III. Liberal Democracy's Friendly Critics

30 Mill, On Liberty, chs. 1-2

November 1 Mill, On Liberty, ch. 2; *Terminiello v. Chicago

6 Mill, On Liberty, chs. 3-4; *Paris Adult Theater v. Slaton

8 Ibsen, An Enemy of the People

13 Tocqueville, Democracy in America, pp. 479-506

15 Tocqueville, Democracy, pp. 506-517

THANKSGIVING BREAK November 17-25

27 Tocqueville, Democracy, pp. 517-532
PAPER #3 ASSIGNED

29 Tocqueville, Democracy, pp. 643-645 and 661-676

IV. Capitalism and Liberal Democracy

December 4 *Adam Smith, Wealth of Nations (selections)

5 PAPER #3 DUE (Noon, Horwitz House)

6 *Adam Smith and *Milton Friedman, Capitalism and Freedom (c.10)

11 In-class Examination

(Vacation: read G. Orwell's Road to Wigan Pier)