PSCI 422: Thucydides: War and Philosophy
Fall 2009
Thursday Evening
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Office Hours: T 2-4 p.m., W 10 a.m. – 12 noon, or by appointment

PSCI 422 Syllabus: Thucydides and Political Philosophy

I. Course Requirements: There will be one text, namely Thucydides’ *The Peloponnesian War*, in the revised Crawley translation. But please get the Landmark edition. You are responsible for having read the text at least twice before we discuss it and to be prepared to talk about it intelligently and with knowledge of its contents. Unfailing attendance is the first among course requirements, as is a high level of class participation. A seminar paper (circa 15 pages in length) is also required, as is to give a class presentation on a portion of the text. There will be a two hour final examination.

II. Grading: Your grade will be composed of the results of your seminar paper, your final examination and your class participation (with the class presentation counted in to the latter), in equal proportion.

III. Honesty: The provisions of the Student Handbook on Academic Honesty apply in this course.

IV. Schedule:

Week I     Introduction

Week II    Book I, chs. 1-88

Week III   Book I, chs. 88-146, Book II, chs. 1-47

Week IV    Book II, chs. 48-103

Week V     Book III, chs. 1-86

Week VI    Book III, chs. 87-116; Book IV, chs. 1-41

Week VII   Book IV, chs. 42-135

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Week VIII  Book V

Week IX    Book VI, chs. 1-61
Week X      Book VI, chs. 62-105; Book VII chs. 1-41
Week XI     Book VII, chs. 42-87
Week XII    Book VIII, chs. 1-79
Week XIII   Book VIII chs. 80-109
Week XIV    Concluding Discussion*

*This schedule, while not utterly fanciful, may not be kept up to the dot. But we will finish the book.