

Philosophy 207  
**Political Philosophy**  
Spring 2015

Tues, Thurs 3:05-4:20  
Friedl 240

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### Reading

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Cambridge).  
John Locke, *Two Treatises of Government* (Cambridge).  
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (Hackett).  
Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (Basic Books).  
John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (Harvard).

*Books are available for purchase at the Duke Textbook Store.*

### Assignments

There will be two 2000 word essays and a final examination. Each assignment will count for 30 percent of the final grade. Participation in class will count for the final 10 percent.

### Schedule

Thurs, January 8	<i>Class cancelled.</i>
Tues, Jan 13	Introduction -- no reading.
Thurs, Jan 15	Hobbes, chh. 6, 10-11, and 13-17.
Tues, Jan 20	Hobbes, chh. 18-19 and 29-30.
Thurs, Jan 22	Hobbes, no new reading.
Tues, Jan 27	Hobbes, chh. 21, 24, and 28.
Thurs, Jan 29	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 1-4; First Treatise, ch. 9.
Tues, February 3	<i>Class cancelled.</i>
Thurs, Feb 5	Locke, no new reading.
Tues, Feb 10	Locke, Second Treatise, ch. 5.
Thurs, Feb 12	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 7-9.
Tues, Feb 17	Locke, no new reading.
Thurs, Feb 19	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 10-14.
Tues, Feb 24	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 17-19.
Thurs, Feb 26	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 1.
Tues, March 3	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 2.
<b>Thurs, March 5</b>	Rousseau, no new reading. <b>First essay due.</b>

Tues, March 10	<i>Break week.</i>
Tues, March 17	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 3.
Thurs, March 19	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 4.
Tues, March 24	Nozick, pp. 3-35, 48-53, and 96-119.
Thurs, March 26	Nozick, no new reading.
Tues, March 31	Nozick, pp. 149-182.
Thurs, April 2	Nozick, no new reading.
Tues, April 7	Rawls, sections 1-4 and 20-25.
Thurs, April 9	Rawls, sections 5-6 and 11-17.
Tues, April 14	Rawls, no new reading.
Thurs, April 16	Rawls, sections 26-30.
<b>Tues, April 21</b>	Nozick, pp. 183-231. <b>Second essay due.</b>

### **Office hours**

Tuesdays 430-530 and by appointment.

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