

Philosophy 107.01
Political Philosophy
Fall 2009

Tues, Thurs 1:15-2:30
West Duke 108B

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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

Tues, August 25	Introduction -- no reading.
Thurs, A 27	Hobbes, chh. 6, 10-11, and 13-17.
Tues, September 1	Hobbes, chh. 18-19 and 29-30.
Thurs, S 3	Hobbes, no new reading.
Tues, S 8	Hobbes, chh. 21, 24, and 28.
Thurs, S 10	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 1-4; First Treatise, ch. 9.
Tues, S 15	Locke, no new reading.
Thurs, S 17	Locke, Second Treatise, ch. 5.
Tues, S 22	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 7-9.
Thurs, S 24	Locke, no new reading
Tues, S 29	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 10-14.
Thurs, October 1	Locke, Second Treatise, chh. 17-19.
Tues, O 6	Reading week.
Thurs, O 8	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 1.
Tues, O 13	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 2. First essay due.

Thurs, O 15	No class.
Tues, O 20	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 3.
Thurs, O 22	Rousseau, Social Contract, bk. 4.
Tues, O 27	Rousseau, no new reading.
Thurs, O 29	Nozick, pp. 3-35, 48-53, and 96-119.
Tues, November 3	Nozick, pp. 149-182.
Thurs, N 5	Nozick, no new reading.
Tues, N 10	Rawls, sections 1-4 and 20-25.
Thurs, N 12	Rawls, sections 5-6 and 11-17.
Tues, N 17	Rawls, no new reading.
Thurs, N 19	Rawls, sections 26-30.
Tues, N 24	Nozick, pp. 183-231.
Tues, December 1	no new reading. Second essay due.
Thurs, D 3	Rawls, sections 9, 40-41, and 87.

Office hours

Tuesdays 3-4 and by appointment.

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