

**Ohio State University**  
**Political Science 5411**  
**Justice, Sin, and Virtue:**  
**Ancient & Medieval Political Thought**  
**9:35-10:55 TTh      Spring 2017**  
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## Overview

This course will focus on a number of foundational texts in western political thought; texts that come to us from ancient Athens, republican and imperial Rome, the Christian middle ages, and the Italian Renaissance. Although they were written in times and places that are as different from each other as they are from our own, these works deal with a set of themes that remain central to modern political life, including the nature of political wisdom, the struggle between civic virtue and self-interest, and the relationship between politics and religion.

## Readings

The following books are required and should be available for purchase at the OSU bookstores:

Thomas Aquinas, *Treatise on Law*, Regan translation (Hackett)

Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Mansfield translation (Chicago)

Plato, *Republic*, Grube translation (Hackett)

C. D. C. Reeve, ed., *The Trials of Socrates* (Hackett)

In addition, a number of required readings have been placed on e-reserve through Carmen.

## Requirements

(1) Two papers on assigned topics, 5-6 pages each (c. 1,500-1,800 words):

- 1st paper due at noon on Monday, February 20 [33%]
- 2nd paper due at noon on Monday, April 3 [33%]

(2) In-class final examination on Monday, May 1 from 8:00-9:45 am. The exam will cover all of the course material in short-answer format, and is worth 33% of the final grade. We will hold a review session during the last scheduled class.

(3) Careful reading preparation and active class participation are expected. Grades will be adjusted up or down by as much as one-third of a grade on this basis.

## Policies and procedures

**Academic misconduct:** It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: <http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc>.

**Late work:** Each student will be granted ONE extension this term on a paper of your choice, no questions asked, which entitles you to hand it in any time before noon on Friday following the due date with no penalty. There is no need to tell me in advance that you are taking the extension, and no other extensions will be granted. Late essays will be penalized one full grade. Essays will not be accepted more than one week after the extension date without my approval.

**Core course:** This is a core course in the Cultural and Critical Theory minor. Information regarding the minor and its requirements can be found online at <http://ascadvising.osu.edu/programs/minors/list>.

**Disabilities:** Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 098 Baker Hall, 113 West 12th Avenue; telephone 292-3307; TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>

## Schedule

January 10	Thucydides, “Funeral Oration of Pericles” Xenophon, “The Politeia of the Spartans”	[e-reserve]
January 12	Aristophanes, <i>Clouds</i> ( <i>Trials of Socrates</i> , pp. 89-176)	
January 17	Plato, <i>Apology of Socrates</i> ( <i>Trials of Socrates</i> , pp. 26-61)	
January 19	Plato, <i>Crito</i> ; <i>Phaedo</i> death scene ( <i>Trials of Socrates</i> , pp. 62-83) Xenophon, <i>Socrates’ Defense to the Jury</i> ( <i>Trials of Socrates</i> , pp. 178-84)	
January 24	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 1, entire (Grube pp. 1-31)	
January 26	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 2, entire (Grube pp. 32-59)	
January 31	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 3, 412b-417b book 4, entire (Grube pp. 88-121)	
February 2	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 5, entire (Grube pp. 122-156)	
February 7	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 6, 484a-497d; 504a-511e book 7, 514a-521c; 532a-541b (Grube pp. 157-71; 177-193; 204-212)	
February 9	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 8, entire (Grube pp. 213-240)	
February 14	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , book 9, entire book 10, 608c-621d (Grube pp. 241-263, 279-292)	
February 16	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , book 1, chaps. 1-7, 13	[e-reserve]
February 20 (Mon)	FIRST PAPER DUE, 12:00 pm	
February 21	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , book 3, chaps. 1, 4-5, 7-13, 18	[e-reserve]
February 23	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , book 4, chaps. 1-2, 8-9, 11 book 5, chaps. 1, 8-9	[e-reserve]
February 28	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , book 7, chaps. 1-3, 13-15 book 8, chaps. 1-3	[e-reserve]
March 2	Polybius, <i>The Rise of the Roman Empire</i> , book 6, selections Cicero, <i>On the Commonwealth</i> , selections	[e-reserve]

March 7	<i>Matthew</i> 5:38-48, 22:15-22; <i>Romans</i> 13:1-7; <i>1 Peter</i> 2:13-17 Augustine, <i>Retractions</i> , book 2, chap. 43 Augustine, <i>City of God</i> , book 2, chaps. 19-21 book 4, chaps. 3-4 book 5, chaps. 17-21, 24 book 19, chaps. 21, 24	[e-reserve]
March 9	Augustine, <i>City of God</i> , book 1, preface, chaps. 1, 8-11, 29, 35 book 11, chaps. 1, 21-22, 24-28	[e-reserve]
March 21	<i>Genesis</i> 1:1-4:17 Augustine, <i>City of God</i> , book 14, chaps. 1-2, 4, 6, 10-15, 27-28 book 15, chaps. 1, 4	[e-reserve]
March 23	Augustine, <i>City of God</i> , book 19, chaps. 4-20, 25-28	[e-reserve]
March 28	Aquinas, <i>Treatise on Law</i> , Questions 90-93	
March 30	Aquinas, <i>Treatise on Law</i> , Questions 94-97	
April 3 (Mon)	SECOND PAPER DUE, 12:00 pm	
April 4	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> , dedicatory letter, chaps. 1-11	
April 6	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> , chaps. 12-26	
April 11	Machiavelli, <i>Discourses on Livy</i> , selections	[e-reserve]
April 13	Machiavelli, <i>Discourses on Livy</i> , selections	[e-reserve]
April 18	Machiavelli, <i>Discourses on Livy</i> , selections	[e-reserve]
April 20	Review	
May 1 (Mon)	FINAL EXAM, 8:00 – 9:45 am	