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POLITICAL SCIENCE 110A

HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I:

From Citizens to Saints: Plato to Augustine

TEXTBOOKS:

- Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War, trans. Hammond  
(Oxford)
- Plato, Republic, trans. Reeve (Hackett)
- Plato, Five Dialogues, trans. Grube and Cooper  
(Hackett)
- Aristotle, The Politics, trans. Barker and Stalley  
(Oxford)
- The Holy Bible (World Bible)
- St. Augustine, The City of God, trans. Bettenson  
(Penguin)

This course deals with the development of European political thought from ancient Greece to Christianity at the close of the Roman Empire. It is meant to be both historical and conceptual in its approach, and will refer at times to literary works for insights into the culture of politics. Topics to be addressed include: transitions from aristocratic societies to more democratic polities, the emergence of concepts of justice and law, the nature of political judgment and leadership, and the relation to politics of self, religion, and the pursuit of knowledge.

There are no prerequisites for this course, though Political Science 13 and a knowledge of European history would be valuable. Because so much of the course deals with the ancient world, a brief chronology is also provided at the end of the syllabus. You may use any edition of the textbooks.

There are three requirements for this course:

- 1) a 5 page essay due **October 24** - 20%
- 2) an 8-10 page essay due **November 19** - 50%
- 3) a comprehensive final exam in class, Wednesday, **December 11, 3-6pm** - 30%

We also have an account at Turnitin.com for all papers:

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**INTRODUCTION: Ancient Political Theory**

(Sept 27, 30)

**Weeks 1-4: Political Judgment, War, and Democracy - Thucydides**

(October 2-21)

Required:

Thucydides, Peloponnesian War

October	2	I	
October	4	II	Chs. 1-65
	7, 9, 11	III	1-91
		IV	
		V	1-26, 42-57, 84-116
	14, 16, 18	VI	1-94
	21	VII	36-87
		VIII	1-4, 12-18, 21-28, 45-56, 63-77, 81-109

**Weeks 4-7: Philosophy, Justice, and the Ideal City - Plato**

(October 23-November 15)

Required:

Plato, Apology and Crito

October	23, 25, 28	All
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Plato, Republic

October	30,	
November	1, 4	Books 1, 2, 3
November	6, 8, 13, 15	Books 4, 5, 6, 7
November	18	Books 8, 9

**Weeks 8: The Varieties of Politics - ARISTOTLE**

(November 18, 20, 22)

Required:

Aristotle, Politics

November	18	I
	20	II, chs. 1-5
		III
	22	IV, chs. 1-13
		V
		VII, chs. 1-3, 7, 9, 13-15

**Weeks 9-10: Hebrews, Christians, and Politics**

(November 25, 27, December 2, 4, 6)

Required:

Hebrew Bible

November	25	Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy 4, Isaiah 44-66
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New Testament

November	27	Matthew, Romans, Galatians, I Corinthians
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Augustine, City of God

December	2	I chs. 1, 9, 33, 35
		III 1
		IV 1-4, 9-12
		V Preface, 1, 8-11, 13, 15-17, 19, 21, 24
		VIII 1-4, 11-12
		XI 1-4
		XIV 1-4
		XVII 3
December	4, 6	XVIII 1, 2, 41-43, 46-47
		XIX 4-8, 11-17, 21, 22, 24, 25
		XX 1, 2

## SOME USEFUL DATES

B.C.2000-1500

Myceneans settle in Greece  
 Abraham in Canaan (later Israel)  
 Stonehenge built  
 Hammurabi's Code

1500-1000

- c. 1275-1225 Moses frees Hebrews from slavery in Egypt
- c. 1270-1180 Trojan Wars
- c. 1250 Hebrews re-enter Canaan
- c. 1200 End of Mycenaean civilization in Greece
- c. 1002 Saul, first King of Israel
- c. 1000 Invasion of Greece by Dorians

1000-500

- 1000-925 David and Solomon, Kings in Israel
- c. 900-600 The great Hebrew prophets - Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Ezekiel,, Jeremiah
- c. 800 Homer composes Iliad, Odyssey
- 776 First Olympic Games
- c. 753 Rome founded
- c. 750 Beginning of Greek colonization of west
- c. 750 Nobility of Attica settle Athens
- c. 625 Invention of coinage
- c. 600 Nebuchadnezzar takes Jerusalem, takes Hebrews to Babylonia
- Much of Hebrew Bible written down
- c. 630-553 Zoroaster in Persia
- c. 604-? Lao-Tse in China
- c. 594 Archonship of Solon (640-560) in Athens
- c. 563-483 Buddha in India
- c. 551-479 Confucius in China
- 561-510 Tyranny of Peisistratids in Athens
- c. 535 Tragedy introduced in Athens, Thespis wins first prize
- 538 Cyrus of Persia conquers Babylon, returns Hebrews to Jerusalem
- 509 Establishment of Roman Republic
- 508 Democracy introduced in Athens by Cleisthenes

500 B.C. -1 AD

	490-479	Persian Wars with Greece
	472	Aeschylus, <u>The Persians</u> , produced in Athens (oldest extant tragedy)
	477	Formation of Delian League by Athens
	458	Aeschylus, <u>Oresteia</u>
	450	Twelve Tables of the Law in Rome
	442	Sophocles, <u>Antigone</u>
	431-404	The Peloponnesian War
	429	Death of Pericles (b. 500)
c.	428	Sophocles, <u>Oedipus Tyrannos</u>
	413	Failure of the Sicilian Expedition
	404	Defeat of Athens by Sparta
	401	Sophocles, <u>Oedipus at Colonus</u>
	399	Execution of Socrates
	387	Plato founds Academy at Athens
	338	Defeat of Athens by Philip II of Macedon
c.	335	Aristotle, <u>Poetics</u>
	336-323	Alexander the Great
c.	295	Euclid
	146	Carthage sacked by Rome
	47-44	Dictatorship of Julius Caesar at Rome
	30	Establishment of Roman Empire
c.	4	Birth of Jesus

A.D.1-500

c.	30	Crucifixion of Christ
	45	St. Paul begins his mission
	65	Seneca commits suicide
	67	St. Peter executed
	70	Revolt of the Jews against Rome; Jerusalem destroyed
	85	Gospels of John and Matthew
	122-135	Revolt of the Jews against Rome
	200	Bishop of Rome becomes Pope
	285	Partition of Rome into Eastern and Western Empires
c.	300	Christianity introduced into Armenia
	313	Toleration of Christianity in Rome - Edict of Milan
	331	Seat of Roman Empire moves to Constantinople
	337	Emperor Constantine baptized
	410	Rome sacked by Visigoths
	411	Augustine's <u>City of God</u>
	432	St. Patrick begins mission to Ireland

SOME GREAT FIGURES

B.C.

Solon	c. 640-560.	Socrates	c. 469-399
Aeschylus	c. 525-455	Thucydides	c. 460-c. 400
Sophocles	c. 496-c. 406	Plato	c. 427-347
Pericles	c. 494-429	Aristotle	384-322
Herodotus	c. 494-c. 420	Cicero	106-43
Euripides	484-c. 406		

A.D.

Augustine 354-430