

## POLITICAL SCIENCE 080: JUSTICE AND POWER

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**Course Description:** Justice and power are the foundations of politics; indeed it would be difficult to discuss – much less understand – politics without invoking these terms. But what exactly is justice? How do human beings know what justice is? What sorts of institutions and individuals best guarantee its preservation? So too we might ask: what is power? How should we distinguish between proper and improper uses of power? Can power be used to promote justice? Our goal in this introductory course in political philosophy is to gain greater clarity on these questions and to define with precision what is at stake in the way we answer them. Through careful study of the works of six of the most important thinkers in the Western canon, we will also cultivate the reading, writing and speaking skills necessary for further philosophical study and debate.

**Attendance and Expectations:** Attendance at every meeting is expected. Roll will be taken at each meeting and excessive absences will result in your termination from the class. But students are expected to do more than simply show up; thorough preparation prior to each meeting and active participation while in class are also necessary if one hopes to master the material and receive a decent grade. In preparing for class you should read assignments with the maximum possible care. To help you prepare most effectively for class discussions I will distribute a short set of study questions on the assigned reading prior to each meeting. In class you are expected to listen carefully to the contributions of your colleagues and to engage others through your own contributions. Students can expect to be called on. Those inexperienced in or uncomfortable with talking in class are encouraged to come to see me early in the semester so that we can together develop useful strategies for effective participation.

**Requirements and Grading:** The final course grade will be comprised of four components: three five-page papers each worth 25%, and class participation, also worth 25%. Please note that this means that the quality of your class participation can affect your final grade in either an upward or downward direction. As the course proceeds we will discuss the standards by which both written work and class participation will be evaluated. Finally: late papers will not be accepted unless I authorize an extension in advance.

**Texts:** All books are available at BookMarq; these editions and translations are strongly suggested.

Sophocles, *Antigone*, trans. D. Grene and R. Lattimore (Chicago, 1991)  
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, trans. R. Crawley (McGraw-Hill, 1982)  
Plato, *Republic*, trans. G. M. A. Grube (Hackett, 1992)  
Machiavelli, *The Prince*, trans. H. Mansfield (Chicago, 1998)  
Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. R. Tuck (Cambridge, 1996)  
Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings*, trans. D. Cress (Hackett, 1987)

**Schedule of Reading and Written Assignments:** The following schedule is unlikely to change, but please know that I reserve the right to amend it if necessary. Also note those Fridays on which assignments are listed as TBD. Information on these sessions and assignments will be forthcoming.

### Week 1 of January 14

M: Introduction  
W: *Antigone*, pp. 161-75  
F: *Antigone*, pp. 175-193

Week 2 of January 21

M: NO CLASS: MLK DAY

W: *Antigone*, pp. 193-212

F: *Peloponnesian War*, I.1-23, 66-88 (pp. 1-14, 37-51)

Week 3 of January 28

M: *Peloponnesian War*, I.118-24; I.139-45; II.1-25 (pp. 66-71, 80-86, 87-103)

W: *Peloponnesian War*, II.34-65 (pp. 106-27)

F: NO CLASS: ASSIGNMENT TBD

Week 4 of February 4

M: *Peloponnesian War*, III.1-50, 82-84 (pp. 154-81; 198-201)

W: *Peloponnesian War*, V.84-116; VII.69-87 (pp. 349-357; 467-81)

F: *Republic*, Book I, 327a-336a (pp. 2-12)

Week 5 of February 11

M: *Republic*, Book I, 336b-354c (pp. 12-31)

W: *Republic*, Book II, 357a-373e (pp. 33-49)

F: *Republic*, Books II-III, 373e-383c; 412a-417b (pp. 49-59; 88-93)

**PAPER #1 DUE IN CLASS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Week 6 of February 18

M: *Republic*, Book IV, 419a-423e; 427d-445e (pp. 95-99; 102-21)

W: *Republic*, Book V, 449a-471c (pp. 122-46)

F: *Republic*, Books V-VII, 471c-487a; 514a-521d (pp. 147-61; 186-93)

Week 7 of February 25

M: *Republic*, Book VIII, 543a-562a (pp. 213-32)

W: *Republic*, Books VIII-IX, 562a-592b (pp. 232-63)

F: *Republic*, Book X, 611b-621d (282-92)

Week 8 of March 3

M: *Prince*, Dedicatory Letter, chs. 1-6 (pp. 3-25)

W: *Prince*, chs. 7-12 (pp. 25-53)

F: *Prince*, chs. 13-19 (pp. 54-82)

Week 9 of March 10

M: *Prince*, chs. 20-26 (pp. 83-105)

W: *Leviathan*, Intro; Ch. 1-5 (pp. 9-11; 13-37)

F: NO CLASS: SPRING/EASTER BREAK

Spring/Easter Break: March 13-24

Week 10 of March 24

M: NO CLASS – SPRING/EASTER BREAK

W: *Leviathan*, Ch. 6-8 (pp. 37-59)

F: NO CLASS: ASSIGNMENT TBD

**PAPER #2 DUE IN CLASS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

Week 11 of March 31

M: *Leviathan*, Ch. 10-12 (pp. 62-86)

W: *Leviathan*, Ch. 13-15 (pp. 86-111)

F: *Leviathan*, Ch. 16-18 (pp. 111-29)

Week 12 of April 7

M: *Second Discourse*, Dedication and Preface (pp. 25-36)

W: *Second Discourse*, Part I (pp. 37-51)

F: *Second Discourse*, Part I (pp. 51-60)

Week 13 of April 14

M: *Second Discourse*, Part II (pp. 60-69)

W: *Second Discourse*, Part II (pp. 69-81)

F: NO CLASS: ASSIGNMENT TBD

Week 14 of April 21

M: *Social Contract I* (pp. 141-53)

W: *Social Contract II* (pp. 153-65)

F: *Social Contract II-III* (pp. 166-80)

Week 15 of April 28

M: *Social Contract III* (pp. 190-203)

W: *Social Contract IV* (pp. 203-08, 216-27)

F: NO CLASS: ASSIGNMENT TBD

**PAPER #3 DUE AT 12:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 5**