

PSCI 101/PSCI 102: The Quest for Justice

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Course Objectives:

This course is designed as an introduction to the study of politics. Special consideration is given to the political and moral questions that confront citizens of a democracy in their personal and political lives. This course will continue to develop your personal views but in the context of political theory and literature that will help to cultivate a strong basis for understanding the nobility and limitations of a life dedicated to politics.

Student Responsibilities and Grading:

This is a year long course, but each semester you will receive a grade. Grades will be calculated as follows:

Papers	40%
Midterm/Final	30%
Participation	20%
Quizzes	10%

Attendance and participation

This is a discussion-based course. There will be little lecturing. Therefore, you must come to class prepared to discuss the readings. There will be periodical, unannounced quizzes over assigned readings. As this is a college credit class attendance is expected. Your participation grade will be determined based on the thoughtfulness, relevance, and frequency of your comments in class.

Papers

There will be three papers assigned per semester (5-7 pages). Paper topics will be distributed in class. Papers should be analytical in nature. Avoid summarizing readings and/or class discussions. Each paper must include a thoughtful and identifiable thesis statement. Papers should be typed, double spaced, in a readable font, and 11 or 12 point font. Papers will be evaluated based on originality, clarity of thesis, logical progression, effective use of support, and style. Papers will be turned in electronically via the Google classroom site. Late papers will be marked down a letter grade each day they are late. Papers will not be accepted once deductions exceed initial value of the paper.

Disabilities:

Students with disabilities will be given accommodations set forth in their IEP or 504 plan.

Readings

Semester 1 Readings:

- Sophocles, *Antigone*
- Plato, *Four Texts on Socrates*
- Aristotle, *Politics*
- John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government and Letter on Toleration*
- John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*
- Henrik Ibsen, *An Enemy of the People*
- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America, vol. 2*

Semester 2 Readings:

- Marx and Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*
- Orwell, *Road to Wigan Pier*
- Arthur Koestler, *Darkness at Noon*
- J.S. Mill, *The Subjection of Women*
- Susan M. Okin, *Justice, Gender, and the Family*
- Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*
- Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
- Shakespeare, *The Tempest*
- Melville, *Billy Budd*

**Additional readings will be placed on Google Classroom*

**All readings are subject to change*

Class Schedule

Week	Readings	Notes
8/22/17-8/25/17*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i> (Whole Play)	
8/28/17-9/1/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plutarch, "Lycurgus" (binders)• Thucydides, <i>The Peloponnesian War</i>, "The Funeral Oration of Pericles" (Binders)	
9/6/17-9/8/17*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thucydides, <i>The Peloponnesian War</i>, "The Melian Dialogue" (Binders)• Plato, <i>Apology</i> from <i>Four Texts on Socrates</i>	

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9/11/17-9/15/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato, <i>Apology</i> • Plato, <i>Crito</i> from <i>Four Texts on Socrates</i> • Plato, <i>Crito</i> 	
9/18/17-9/22/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 1 • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 2 	
9/25/17-9/29/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 3 (Chapters 1-13) • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 3 (Chapters 14-18) 	
10/2/17-10/6/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 4 (Chapters 4, 7-12) • Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Book 6 (Chapters 1-3,8-12) 	Paper 1 Due
10/9/17-10/12/17*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>, preface and chapters 1-5 	
10/16/17-10/20/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>, chapters 6-9 • Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>, chapters 14, 19 	
10/23/17-10/27/17 (end of first quarter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locke, <i>A Letter on Toleration</i> 	
10/30/17-11/3/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Declaration of Independence (Binders) • <i>Federalist Paper</i> #10 • <i>Federalist Paper</i> #51 	
11/6/17-11/10/17 (6 ^m & 9 ^m PT Conferences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brutus, On Problems of Large Republics • Centinel, On Separation of Powers • Lincoln-Douglas Debates (first ½ in binders) 	
11/13/17-11/17/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln Douglas Debates (second ½ in Binders) • H.D. Thoreau, "The Law of God and the Law of the Land" (Binders) 	
11/20/17-11/21/17* THANKSGIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frederick Douglass, "Fourth of July Oration" (Binders) • J.S. Mill, <i>On Liberty</i>, chapters 1-2 	Paper 2 Due

11/27/17-12/1/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.S. Mill, <i>On Liberty</i>, chapters 3-4 • Ibsen, <i>An Enemy of the People</i> 	
12/4/17-12/8/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibsen, <i>An Enemy of the People</i> • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. 1 Introduction, pp.3-15 	
12/11/17-12/15/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. 1, pp. 165-186 and 235-258 • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. 2 pp.479-506 	
12/18/17-12/21/17* (start of Christmas break)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. 2, pp.506-553 • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol.2, pp. 599-617 and 639-650 	
1/3/18-1/5/18*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. 2, pp. 661-676 	Paper 3 Due
1/8/18-1/11/18* (10 th & 11 th semester exams) (end of second quarter)	Review	Midterm Exam
1/16/18-1/19/18*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orwell, <i>Road to Wigan Pier</i> (Part 1) 	
1/22/18-1/26/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marx and Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> 	
1/29/18-2/2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orwell, <i>Road to Wigan Pier</i> (Part 2) • Marx, "On the Jewish Question" (Binders) 	
2/5/18-2/9/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koestler, <i>Darkness at Noon</i> 	
2/12/18-2/16/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>, part 1 • Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>, part 2 	Paper 1 Due

2/20/18-2/23/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>, part 5 Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>, part 9 	
2/26/18-3/2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nietzsche, <i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>, part 9 	
3/5/18-3/9/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J.S. Mill, <i>On the Subjection of Women</i>, chapters 1-2 	
3/12/18-3/16/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simone DeBeauvoir, excerpts from <i>The Second Sex</i> (Binders) 	
3/19/18-3/23/18 (end of third quarter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Okin, <i>Justice, Gender and the Family</i>, chapters 1-2, 6-8 	
3/26/18-3/29/18* (start of spring break)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catherine Mackinnon, excerpts from <i>Toward A Feminist Theory of the State</i> (Binder) 	Paper 2 Due
4/10/18-4/13/18*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max Weber, "Politics as a Vocation" (Binders) 	
4/16/18-4/20/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achebe, <i>Things Fall Apart</i>, part 1 Achebe, <i>Things Fall Apart</i>, part 2 	
4/23/18-4/27/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achebe, <i>Things Fall Apart</i>, part 3 Michael Walzer, <i>Just and Unjust Wars</i>, pp.1-47 	
4/30/18-5/4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Walzer, <i>Just and Unjust Wars</i>, pp.47-124, 197-206,252-268,287-303 	
5/7/18-5/11/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare, <i>The Tempest</i> 	
5/14/18-5/18/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melville, <i>Billy Budd</i> 	
5/21/18-5/25/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melville, <i>Billy Budd</i> Martin Diamond, "Ethics and Politics" 	Paper 3 Due

<p>5/29/18-5/31/18* (30th & 31st semester exams) (end of fourth quarter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Exam	
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