

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 200Y1, SECTION L5101**

**POLITICAL THEORY**

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**READING LIST AND FALL SEMESTER SYLLABUS**

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**Books required for purchase, all available in paperback, and listed in the order in which they will be studied. BE SURE TO PURCHASE THE CORRECT TRANSLATIONS.**

Machiavelli. *The Prince*, translated by H.C. Mansfield, Jr. (Univ. of Chicago Press)

Hobbes. *Leviathan*, ed. E.M. Curley (Hackett)

Locke. *Second Treatise on Government*, ed. R.H. Cox (AHM Croft's Classics)

—. *Letter on Toleration*, ed. James H. Tully (Hackett)

Plato. *Republic*, translated by Allan Bloom (Basic Books)

Aristotle. *Politics*, translated by Carnes Lord (Univ. of Chicago Press)

**Course Assignments and Marking Scheme**

**Two short interpretive essays (no more than 1200 words) on assigned topics in Machiavelli, Hobbes or Locke, due October 31 and November 28, respectively; each to count for 15% of the final mark.**

**One longer interpretive essay (no more than 2750 words) on an assigned topic in Plato and/or Aristotle, due March 27, 30% of the final mark.**

**YOU MUST PLACE THE WORD COUNT AT THE HEAD OF EACH ESSAY. YOU WILL BE PENALIZED FIVE POINTS FOR EVERY 100 EXCESS WORDS OR PORTION THEREOF (I.E., 1-100 EXCESS WORDS WILL COST YOU FIVE POINTS, 100-199 EXCESS WORDS, TEN POINTS). IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN TO WRITE CONCISELY.**

**A final examination during the examination period, 30% of the final mark.**

**Attendance and participation (attendance at lectures and tutorials is mandatory), 10%.**

**N.B.: No extensions will be granted on written work except with good cause. You yourself may grant yourself an extension, however, at a cost of 3 points plus 2 points per calendar day. This penalty will attach in full to all late papers unaccompanied by a doctor's certificate.**

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## **COURSE SYLLABUS (FALL SEMESTER)**

### **READ THE ASSIGNMENT *BEFORE* THE LECTURE.**

SEPT. 10. Introductory Lecture and Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Epistle Dedicatory, chapters 1-2, first paragraph of Chapter 3.

SEPT. 17. Machiavelli, *The Prince*, chapters 3-5

SEPT. 24. *The Prince*, chapters 6-8

OCT. 1. *The Prince*, chapters 9-14

OCT. 8 *The Prince*, chapters 15-18

OCT. 15. *The Prince*, chapters 19-26.

OCT. 22. Hobbes, *Leviathan*, dedicatory letter to Francis Godolphin, Hobbes's introduction and chapters 1-12

OCT. 29. *Leviathan*, chapters 13-16

NOV. 5. *Leviathan*, chapters 17-19, 20-21, 29-30

NOV. 12. Locke, *Second Treatise*, chapters 1-5

NOV. 19. *Second Treatise*, chapters 6-10

NOV. 26. *Second Treatise*, chapters 11-19

DEC. 3. Locke, *Letter on Toleration*

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