

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE 200Y L5101**  
**POLITICAL THEORY: VISIONS OF THE JUST/GOOD SOCIETY**  
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**MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 6-8 PM – BAHEN CENTRE 1130**  
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**Questions about the administration of the course should first be directed to Mr. Schillinger.**

**The books required for purchase are listed below in the order in which we will study them. These books are all available in paperback at the Bob Miller Book Room (180 Bloor Street West). BE SURE TO PURCHASE THE CORRECT TRANSLATIONS.**

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

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

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

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

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

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING SCHEME, AND DUE DATES**

**Grades will be based on attendance and participation, two interpretive essays, and a final examination.**

**Attendance and Participation (attendance at lectures and tutorials is mandatory): 10% of the final grade.**

**Interpretive Essay 1: 1500 words. Topic distributed on June 13<sup>th</sup>; essay due on July 4<sup>th</sup>. 20% of the final grade.\***

**Interpretive Essay 2: 2700 words. Topic distributed on July 6<sup>th</sup>; essay due on August 1<sup>st</sup>. 35% of the final grade.\***

**Final examination: To be held during the August Examination period. (The August Examination period is August 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.) 35% 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, etc.). It's important to learn to write concisely.**

**No extensions will be granted on written work except with good cause. You 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 certification that you were unable to complete the given assignment.**

**You are responsible for informing yourself of and abiding by the University's policies on plagiarism and other academic offenses. The Code of Behavior on Academic Matters, including a precise definition of plagiarism, is available at <http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/behaveac.html>. The university also publishes a series of guides on avoiding plagiarism.**

**NORMALLY, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR COURSE ESSAYS TO TURNITIN.COM FOR A REVIEW OF TEXTUAL SIMILARITY AND DETECTION OF POSSIBLE PLAGIARISM. IN DOING SO, STUDENTS WILL ALLOW THEIR ESSAYS TO BE INCLUDED AS SOURCE DOCUMENTS IN THE TURNITIN.COM REFERENCE DATABASE, WHERE THEY WILL BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING PLAGIARISM. THE TERMS THAT APPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY'S USE OF THE TURNITIN.COM SERVICE ARE DESCRIBED ON THE TURNITIN.COM WEB SITE.**

**If, as a student, you object to using Turnitin.com, an alternative arrangement for the submission of your written assignment will be available. You will be required to: 1) contact the instructor prior to the assignment due date; 2) submit all of your rough work and notes with your assignment.**

**Be sure to make a copy of each of your papers before submitting it to your T.A. in case the submitted copy is lost.**

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS FROM THE EARLY MODERNS

**READ THE ASSIGNMENT *BEFORE* THE LECTURE.** When preparing for class and your papers, take notes as you read - both summaries of content and interpretative ideas; this will allow for a much more intelligent and thoughtful reading than simply to underline in your copies of the texts.

MAY 14<sup>th</sup>: Introductory Lecture and Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Epistle Dedicatory, chapters 1-2, first paragraph of Chapter 3.

MAY 16<sup>th</sup>: *The Prince*, chapters 3-5.

MAY 21<sup>st</sup>: Victoria Day, so no class.

MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>: *The Prince*, chapters 6-8.

MAY 28<sup>th</sup>: *The Prince*, chapters 9-14. Finally, this week the tutorials begin.

MAY 30<sup>th</sup>: *The Prince*, chapters 15-18.

JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>: *The Prince*, chapters 19-26.

JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, chapter 46, dedicatory letter to Francis Godolphin, Hobbes's Introduction, and chapters 1-12.

JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>: *Leviathan*, chapters 13-16.

JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>: *Leviathan*, chapters 17-19, 20-21, 29-30. Distribution of the first interpretive essay topic. (It will be due on July 4<sup>th</sup>.)

JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>: Locke, *Second Treatise*, chapters 1-5.

JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>: *Second Treatise*, chapters 6-10. Distribution of the schedule of readings from the ancients.

JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: Reading week, so no classes or tutorials.

JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>: Canada Day. No class or tutorials.

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>: *Second Treatise*, chapters 11-19. (The lecture will conclude with some remarks on Locke's stance toward religion and politics.) No tutorials. **First essay due.**

July 6<sup>th</sup>: Distribution of the second interpretive essay topic. (Due August 1<sup>st</sup>.)