POLITICAL SCIENCE 110 A

HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I --
Citizens and Saints: Plato to Augustine

TEXTBOOKS:
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War, ed. Wick (McGraw-Hill)
Plato, Republic, trans. Reeve (Hackett)
Plato, Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, trans. Church (Prentice-Hall)
The Holy Bible (World Bible)

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 time 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.

There are three requirements for this course:
1) a 5-6 page essay due October 25 - 20%.
2) a 7-8 page essay due November 19 - 40%.
3) a comprehensive final examination, in class, December 7, 11:30a-2:30p - 40%.
**INTRODUCTION:** JUSTICE AND GREEK POLITICS (September 24, 27)

**Weeks 1-4:** POLITICAL JUDGMENT, WAR, AND DEMOCRACY – THUCYDIDES (September 29, October 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18)

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**Weeks 4-6:** PHILOSOPHY, JUSTICE, AND THE IDEAL CITY – PLATO (October 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, November 1, 3, 5, 8, 10)

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Weeks 7-8: THE VARIETIES OF POLITICS – ARISTOTLE
(November 12, 15, 17, 19)

Required:

Aristotle, Politics

November 12   I
15   II, chs. 1-5
III
17   IV, chs. 1-13
19   V
    VII, chs. 1-3, 7, 9, 13-15

Weeks 8-10: HEBREWS, CHRISTIANS, AND POLITICS
(November 22, 24, 29, December 1, 3)

Required:

November 22   Hebrew Bible, Genesis, Exodus,
                Deuteronomy 4, Isaiah 44-66
24   New Testament, Matthew, Romans,
     Galatians, I Corinthians

November 29   Augustine, City of God,
                I   chs. 1, 9, 33, 35
                III  1
                IV  1-4, 9-12
                V   Preface, 1, 8-11,
                     13, 15-17, 19,
                     21, 24
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                     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 Mycenean 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*  
c. 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  
c. 561-510 Tyranny of Peisistratids in Athens  
c. 535 Tragedy introduced in Athens, Thespis wins first prize  
c. 538 Cyrus of Persia conquers Babylon  
c. 539 Return of 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, *The Persians*, produced in Athens (oldest extant tragedy)
477 Formation of Delian League by Athens
458 Aeschylus, *Oresteia*
450 Twelve Tables of the Law in Rome
442 Sophocles, *Antigone*
431-404 The Peloponnesian War
429 Death of Pericles (b. 500)
c. 428 Sophocles, *Oedipus Tyrannos*
413 Failure of the Sicilian Expedition
404 Defeat of Athens by Sparta
401 Sophocles, *Oedipus at Colonus*
399 Execution of Socrates
387 Plato founds Academy at Athens
338 Defeat of Athens by Philip II of Macedon
c. 335 Aristotle, *Poetics*
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 City of God
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