POLITICAL SCIENCE 110A

HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I:
From Citizens to Saints: Plato to Augustine

TEXTBOOKS:
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War, trans. Hammond (Oxford World Classics)
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. You may use any edition of the textbooks.

There are three requirements for this course:
1) a 5 page essay due October 24 - 20%
2) an 8-10 page essay due November 19 - 40%
3) a comprehensive final exam in class, December 14, 8-11am - 40%

We also have an account at Turnitin.com for all papers:
Class Id: 5602204
Password: thucydides
INTRODUCTION: Justice and Greek Politics  (Sept. 28, October 1)

Weeks 1-4: Political Judgment, War, and Democracy – Thucydides  (October 3-22)

Required:

Thucydides, Peloponnesian War

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Weeks 4-6: Philosophy, Justice, and the Ideal City – Plato  (October 24-November 16)

Required:

Plato, Apology and Crito

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Plato, Republic

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Weeks 7-8: **The Varieties of Politics - ARISTOTLE**  
(November 19, 21, 26)

**Required:**

Aristotle, *Politics*

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Weeks 8-10: **Hebrews, Christians, and Politics**  
(November 28, 30, December 3, 5, 7)

**Required:**

Hebrew Bible

| November 28 | Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy 4, Isaiah 44-66 |

New Testament

| November 30 | Matthew, Romans, Galatians, I Corinthians |

Augustine, *City of God*

| December 3 | I chs. 1, 9, 33, 35 |
|           | III 1 |
|           | IV 1-4, 9-12 |
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|           | VIII 1-4, 11-12 |
|           | XI 1-4 |
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| December 5, 7 | XVIII 1, 2, 41-43, 46-47 |
|               | XIX 4-8, 11-17, 21, 22, 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
- 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
- 561-510 Tyranny of Peisistratids in Athens
- c. 535 Tragedy introduced in Athens, Thespis wins first prize
- 538 Cyrus of Persia conquers Babylon, returns 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

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