

Political Science 672
Political Thought from Hume to Marx
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In this comprehensive class on late-eighteenth and nineteenth century political thought, we go beyond the cocktail party version of knowledge about Adam Smith, Immanuel Kant, Jeremy Bentham, G.W.F. Hegel, and Karl Marx. In addition to devoting a week of study to each of these figures, we will read Mary Wollstonecraft, the Federalist Papers, Edmund Burke, Herbert Spencer, Sigmund Freud, W.E.B. DuBois, J.S. Mill, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Fyodor Dostoevsky. One overarching goal in working our way through the material is to understand the basis of the Enlightenment confidence in individual liberty and a rationally ordered society, as well as the subsequent growing doubts about humans' capacity to master their instincts and to coexist peaceably. Lectures and discussions are designed to provide a key to grasping the important contributions of each theorist so that students will be well-prepared for more in depth study of western political philosophy. Students will develop their abilities to read texts closely and to develop arguments. Undergraduate students will have an average of 120 pages of reading per week, a midterm exam, a final exam, and a 5-7 page paper; graduate students will have additional readings, a final exam, and a 10-12 page paper.

Course Requirements*

1. You must complete the readings in a timely fashion and participate actively in class discussions. This is worth 10% of the final grade.
2. You will write an in-class mid-term examination, and a final examination, each worth 30% of the final grade.
3. You will write a 5-7 ms. page research paper, hard-copy due Monday May 28th, by 5pm, worth 30% of the final grade.

Course Materials**

Course readings for Political Science 672 are available online through Carmen.

* All of the work that you do in this course is expected to be your own. Plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without citing them) and other forms of cheating will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

** Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor and seeking available assistance in the first week of the quarter. Course materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For such materials please contact Mr. Wayne DeYoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall, 292-2880.

Course Syllabus and Schedule of Class Meetings

Introduction and Overview

Tuesday, March 27

Introduction—In-Class Reading

PART I: THE ENLIGHTENMENT'S LEGACY

Thursday, March 29

Adam Smith, Selections from *Lectures on Jurisprudence*, in Robert L. Heilbroner, ed., *The Essential Adam Smith* (New York: W.W. Norton, [1766]1986), 38-56.

Adam Smith, Selections from *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, in Robert L. Heilbroner, ed., *The Essential Adam Smith* (New York: W.W. Norton, [1790]1986, 64-100.

Tuesday, April 3

Adam Smith, Selections from *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, in Robert L. Heilbroner, ed., *The Essential Adam Smith* (New York: W.W. Norton, [1790]1986, 100-147.

*Adam Smith, Selections from *Wealth of Nations*, in Robert L. Heilbroner, ed., *The Essential Adam Smith* (New York: W.W. Norton, [1790]1986.

Thursday, April 5

Immanuel Kant, "Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose," "What is Enlightenment," "On the Relationship of Theory to Practice in Political Right"

*Michel Foucault, "What is Enlightenment"

Tuesday, April 10

Immanuel Kant, *Metaphysical Elements of Justice*, trans. By John Ladd (Hackett: Cambridge, [1797] 1999, 28-84.

Thursday, April 12

Federalist Papers, Selections in *Classics of Modern Political Theory*, ed. by Steven M. Cahn (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 620-662.

Tuesday, April 17

Mary Wollstonecraft, Chapters 1-5, 9, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*. New York: The Modern Library. [1792], 2000. pp. 3-112, 141-151.

Thursday, April 19

Jeremy Bentham, Selections from *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, ed. by J.H. Burns (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996), 11-50, 165-174

Tuesday, April 24

Jeremy Bentham, "Fragment on Government," as excerpted by Francis William Coker, *Readings in Political Philosophy* (New York: MacMillan, 1923), 535-57.

Review

Thursday, April 26

Midterm Exam

PART II: THE COUNTER-ENLIGHTENMENT

Tuesday, May 1

G.W.F. Hegel, selections, in *Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, ed. by Patrick L. Gardiner (New York: Free Press, 1969), 40-87.

Thursday, May 3

G.W.F. Hegel, excerpts from "Philosophy of Law," in *Great Political Thinkers*, 3rd ed., ed. by William Ebenstein (New York: Rinehart, 1960), 600-611.

G.W.F. Hegel, excerpts from "The Philosophy of Right," in *Readings in Recent Political Philosophy* (New York: MacMillan, 1949), 185-206.

Tuesday, May 8

Karl Marx, selections, in *Marx-Engels Reader*, 2nd ed, ed. by Robert C. Tucker, (New York: Norton, 1978), 53-142.

Thursday, May 10

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," *Marx-Engels Reader*, 2nd ed, ed. by Robert C. Tucker, (New York: Norton, 1978) 469-500.

Tuesday, May 15

Herbert Spencer. "Laissez-Faire." From *Great Political Thinkers: From Plato to the Present (3rd Edition)*. Ed. William Ebenstein. New York: Rinehart & Co. Inc., [1951], 1960. pp. 635-654.

Sigmund Freud. "Civilization and its Discontents." From *Great Political Thinkers: From Plato to the Present (3rd Edition)*. Ed. William Ebenstein. New York: Rinehart & Co. Inc., [1951], 1960. pp. 848-860.

Charles Darwin

Thursday, May 17

W.E.B. Dubois, Chapters 1-4, and 9, *The Souls of Black Folk*.

*Herman Melville, "Benito Cerino" Available online at:

<http://www.infomotions.com/alex2/authors/melville-herman/melville-benito-746/>

Tuesday, May 22

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty* as excerpted by Steven M. Cahn in *Classics of Modern Political Theory* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), 928-996.

*Mill's epistemology

Thursday, May 24

Friedrich Nietzsche, Selections in Patrick Gardiner, ed., *Nineteenth-Century Philosophy* (New York: Free Press, 1969), pp. 321-366.

Monday, May 28

Research paper due, in hard-copy form, by 5pm, Political Science Department Office

Tuesday, May 29

Friedrich Nietzsche, Part I, "On the Prejudices of Philosophers," *Beyond Good and Evil: Prelude to a Philosophy of the Future*. Transl. Walter Kaufmann. New York: Random House, 1966. pp. 7-32.

*S.M. Amadae, "Nietzsche's Thirst for India," *Idealistic Studies*, 34:3, 239-262.

Thursday, May 31

Fyodor Dostoevsky, "The Grand Inquisitor," from Chapter 5, *Brothers Karamazov*
Review

Final Exam as specified by OSU registrar