



ST JOHN'S
College
GRADUATE INSTITUTE

ONLINE **Politics &
Society**

ONLINE SEMINAR READING LIST – FALL / SPRING
Monday 8:00-10:00 p.m. MT

The reading assignment for the first seminar should be completed before the first class meeting.

WEEK ONE

Plato: *Republic*, Books I & II

WEEK TWO

Republic, Books III & IV

WEEK THREE

Republic, Books V & VI

WEEK FOUR

Republic, Books VII & VIII

WEEK FIVE

Republic, Books IX & X

WEEK SIX

Aristotle: *Politics*, Book I

WEEK SEVEN

Politics, Book III

WEEK EIGHT

Machiavelli: *The Prince*

WEEK NINE

Hobbes: *Leviathan*, Author's Introduction
& Chapters 1 – 9

WEEK TEN

Leviathan, Chapters 10 – 16

WEEK ELEVEN

Leviathan, Chapters 17 – 21, 26

WEEK TWELVE

Locke: *Of Civil Government*, Chapters I – XI
(omitting paragraphs 64 – 86 and
100 – 122) (also called *Second Treatise
of Government*)

WEEK THIRTEEN

Rousseau: *Discourse on the Origins of
Inequality*, Part I including frontispiece,
Letter to the Republic of Geneva, Preface,
as well as Rousseau's notes for Part I.

WEEK FOURTEEN

Discourse on the Origins of Inequality, Part II, including
Rousseau's notes for Part II

WEEK FIFTEEN

Marx: *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*
(1844), First Manuscript, "Wages of
Labor" through "Estranged Labor"
Chapter titles are from *Early Writings*,
translated by Rodney Livingstone and
Gregor Benton, Penguin Classics; these
will vary in other translations.)

WEEK SIXTEEN

Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts,
Third Manuscript, "Private Property and
Labor" through "Money"



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ONLINE TUTORIAL READING LIST – FALL / SPRING

Monday and Thursday 5:45–7:00 p.m. MT

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FIRST ASSIGNMENT: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Bekker numbers 1094a1–1098b8 (noted in margin)

WEEKS ONE-SIX (12 MEETINGS)

Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics*: **1)** Book I, chapters 1-7; **2)** I, 8-13; **3)** II; **4)** III, 1-5; **5)** III, 6-12; **6)** IV, 1123a34–1125a35; **7)** V, 1129a3–1136a9; **8)** VI, 1-8; **9)** VI, 9-13; **10)** VII, 1145a15–1152a35; **11)** VIII, 1155a3–1161b11; **12)** X, Chapters 7 & 8

WEEKS SEVEN-EIGHT (4 MEETINGS)

Aquinas: *Treatise on Law*: **1)** Questions 90, 91; **2)** 92, 93; **3)** 94-95; **4)** 96, 97

WEEKS NINE-TEN (4 MEETINGS)

Montesquieu: *The Spirit of the Laws*: **1)** Author's Foreword, Preface; Books 1-2; **2)** 3-5; **3)** 11, Chapters 1–13; **4)** 12, Chapters 1–19

WEEKS ELEVEN-TWELVE (3 MEETINGS)

1) *Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, U.S. Constitution* (all contained in appendix of *Federalist Papers*, paperback Modern Library edition, Random House); **2)** *Federalist Papers* 1, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, 37, 39; **3)** 47 (first 4 pages), 48, 49, 51, 70 (first 2 pages), 71, 78, 81 (first 4 pages), 84

WEEK THIRTEEN (2 MEETINGS)

Melville: *Billy Budd*: **1)** Chapters 1-19; **2)** 20-end

WEEKS FOURTEEN-FIFTEEN (MONDAY) (3 MEETINGS)

Tocqueville: *Democracy in America*

- Volume I, Author's Introduction & Chapters III–V (Vintage/Everyman edition: pages 3–16, 46–97; Chicago edition: pages 3–15, 45–93)
- Vintage/Everyman: Volume I, Chapters IX, XIV–XVI (pages 173, 237–287) Chicago: Volume One, Part Two, Chapters 1, 6–8 (pages 165 and 220–264)
- Vintage/Everyman: Volume II, Book II, Chapters I–XI, XIV–XVII & Book III, Chapters IX–XII (pages 94–133, 140–151, 198–214) Chicago: Volume Two, Part Two, Chapters 1–11, 14–17, & Part Three, Chapters 9–12 (pages 479–508, 514–524, 563–576)

WEEKS FIFTEEN (THURSDAY)–SIXTEEN (3 MEETINGS)

Decisions of the United States Supreme Court,

- *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (with Lincoln's Springfield Speech)
- *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- *Brown v. Board of Education*

(Photocopies are available in the bookstore.)