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SEMINAR READING LIST – FALL / SPRING
Monday and Thursday 7:30–9:30 p.m.

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

Week One

1. Plato: *Republic*, Books I & II
2. *Republic*, Books III & IV

Week Two

3. *Republic*, Books V & VI
4. *Republic*, Books VII & VIII

Week Three

5. *Republic*, Books IX & X
6. Aristotle: *Politics*, Book I

Week Four

7. *Politics*, Book III
8. Machiavelli: *The Prince*

Week Five

9. Hobbes: *Leviathan*, Author's Introduction & Chapters 1 – 9
10. *Leviathan*, Chapters 10 – 16

Week Six

11. *Leviathan*, Chapters 17 – 21, 26
12. Locke: *Of Civil Government*, Chapters I – XI (omitting paragraphs 64 – 86 and 100 – 122) (also called *Second Treatise of Government*)

Week Seven

13. Rousseau: *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, Part I
14. *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, Part II

Week Eight

15. 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.)
16. *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*, Third Manuscript, “Private Property and Labor” through “Money”



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TUTORIAL READING LIST – FALL / SPRING
Monday and Thursday 5–6:15 p.m.

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

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

Weeks One–Six (12 meetings)

Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book I; II; III; IV 1123a34–1125a35; V 1129a3–1136a9; VI; VII 1145a15–1152a35; VIII 1155a3–1161b11; X, Chapters 7 & 8

Weeks Seven–Eight (4 meetings)

Aquinas: *Treatise on Law*, Questions 90–97

Weeks Nine–Ten (4 meetings)

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

Weeks Eleven–Twelve (4 meetings)

Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, U.S. Constitution (all contained in appendix of *Federalist Papers*, paperback Modern Library edition, Random House);

Federalist Papers 1, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, 37, 39, 47 (first 4 pages), 48, 49, 51, 70 (first 2 pages), 71, 78, 81 (first 4 pages), 84

Week Thirteen (1 meeting)

Melville: *Billy Budd*

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.)