



ST JOHN'S
College
GRADUATE INSTITUTE

Politics
Society &

POLITICS & SOCIETY SEMINAR READING LIST – SUMMER

Monday-Friday 1:30 -3:30 p.m. (alternating with preceptorial)

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
3. *Republic*, Books V & VI

WEEK TWO

4. *Republic*, Books VII & VIII
5. *Republic*, Books IX & X

WEEK THREE

1. Aristotle: *Politics*, Book I
2. *Politics*, Book III
3. Machiavelli: *The Prince*

WEEK FOUR

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

WEEK FIVE

11. *Leviathan*, Chapters 17-21, 26
12. Locke: *Of Civil Government*,* Chapters I-XI (omitting paragraphs 64-86 and 100-122)
13. 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 SIX

14. *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, Part II (including Rousseau's notes for Part II)
15. Marx: *The German Ideology*, Part I (International Publishers Edition, pp. 35-95);
"Theses on Feuerbach" (pp. 121-23); "Letter to Joseph Weydemeyer" (photocopy available in bookstore)

*Also called *Second Treatise of Government*.



POLITICS & SOCIETY TUTORIAL READING LIST – SUMMER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

AUTHOR

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READING

WEEK 1

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| 1. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | I (1094a1–1103a10) |
| 2. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | II (1103a11–1109b26) |
| 3. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | III (1109b30–1119b18) |
| 4. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | IV, 3 (1123a35–1125a35); V, 1–7 (1129a1–1135a15) |

WEEK 2

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| 5. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | VI (1138b18–1145a12) |
| 6. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | VII, 1–10 (1145a15–1152a35) |
| 7. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | VIII (1155a1–1163b27) |
| 8. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | IX (1163b30–1172a16) |

WEEK 3

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| 9. Aristotle | <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> | VII, 11–14 (1152b1–1154b34); X, 4–9 (1174a13 to end) |
| 10. Aquinas | <i>Treatise on Law</i> | Pt. I–II: Questions 90–92 |
| 11. Aquinas | <i>Treatise on Law</i> | Pt. I–II: Questions 93–95 |
| 12. Aquinas | <i>Treatise on Law</i> | Pt. I–II: Questions 96–97 |

WEEK 4

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| 13. Montesquieu | <i>The Spirit of the Laws</i> | Author's Foreword; Preface; Books 1–5 |
| 14. Montesquieu | <i>The Spirit of the Laws</i> | Book 11, Chapters 1–13 |
| 15. Montesquieu | <i>The Spirit of the Laws</i> | Book 12, Chapters 1–19 |
| 16. | <i>Declaration of Independence</i> | |
| | <i>U.S. Constitution</i> | |
| Madison, Hamilton, Jay | <i>The Federalist</i> | 1, 9, 10 |

WEEK 5

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| 17. Madison, Hamilton, Jay | <i>The Federalist</i> | 14, 15, 23, 37, 39 |
| 18. Madison, Hamilton, Jay | <i>The Federalist</i> | 47 (first 4 pages), 48, 49, 51, 70 (first 2 pages), 84 |
| 19. Tocqueville | <i>Democracy in America</i> | Volume I, Author's Introduction & Chapters III–V
(Vintage/Everyman edition: pages 3–16, 46–97;
Chicago edition: pages 3–15, 45–93) |
| 20. Tocqueville | <i>Democracy in America</i> | 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) |

WEEK 6

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| 21. Tocqueville | <i>Democracy in America</i> | 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) |
| 22. | <i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> | (Photocopies/PDFs are available from the bookstore.) |
| Lincoln | Springfield Speech | |
| 23. | <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> | |
| 24. | <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> | |