This is an introductory course to major works in political philosophy. It focuses primarily on the Western Tradition and is organized historically. Class discussions will focus on themes such as nature, justice, equality, and freedom that emerge from the primary texts. However, political philosophy proceeds as a dialogue in which thinkers continually debate their predecessors. We will engage in that debate.

The course will be conducted as a seminar. Students are expected to have completed the assigned readings and participate in class discussions. This course provides an extensive overview of the major texts. Selections will be assigned from most of the longer texts below. For discussion purposes it is useful to have the text for reference.

Three short reflective papers (7-10 pages) and a final examination are required to complete the course. There is no expectation of any research beyond the class readings.

The required texts (available at Huntley Book Store) are as follows:

- Bible (Old and New Testaments)
- Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
- Confucius, The Analects, trans. A. Waley
- Plato, Apology and Crito
- Plato, The Republic
- Aristophanes, The Clouds, in Four Plays by Aristophanes
- Aristotle, The Politics
- Cicero, On the Commonwealth
- Epictetus, The Enchiridion
- Augustine, Political Writings of St. Augustine
- Aquinas, Introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas
- Machiavelli, The Prince and the Discourses
- Hobbes, Leviathan
- Descartes, Discourse on Method and Meditations
- Locke, Two Treatises on Government
- Rousseau, Social Contract and Discourses
- Hegel, Philosophy of Right
- Tucker, (ed), The Marx-Engels Reader
- J.S. Mill, On Liberty and Utilitarianism
- Nietzsche, Use and Abuse of History
- Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents
- Arendt, Between Past and Future
- Pateman, The Sexual Contract
Several additional primary as well as secondary sources have been placed on reserve at Honnold Library. These texts are for your reference only.

Plato, **Laws**  
    **Epistles**  
    **Phaedrus**  
Polybius, **The Histories**  
Tacitus, **The Histories**  

Machiavelli, **Mandragola**  
Rousseau, **Politics and the Arts**  
Leo Strauss, **What Is Political Philosophy?**  
Sabine, **A History of Political Theory**  
S. Wolin, **Politics and Vision**  
Hart and Downton, **Perspectives on Political Philosophy**, Vol. I & II  
McDonald, **Western Political Theory**  
Kitto, **The Greeks**  
Barker, **Political Thought, Plato and Aristotle**  
G. E. Wright and R. H. Fuller, **The Books of the Acts of God**  
Cochrane, **Christianity and Classical Culture**  
Fustel de Coulanges, **The Ancient City**  
Conford, **Before and After Socrates**  
Susan Okin, **Women in Western Political Thought**  
Arlene Saxonhouse, **Women in the History of Political Thought**  
Bluestone, **Women and the Ideal State**  
Wm. Connolly, **Political Theory and Modernity**  
Jacobson, **Pride and Solace**  
W. T. Jones, **A History of Western Philosophy**, Vols. I-V  
F. Dallmayr, **Border Crossings, Toward a Comparative Political Theory**

Journals of interest:

    **Political Theory**  
    **History of Political Thought**  
    **Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy**  
    **Praxis International**  
    **Hypatia**
READING ASSIGNMENTS

Sept. 1  Introduction
What Is Political Philosophy?

Please read the following selections which are on Sakai for the 1st class.

Leo Strauss, "What Is Political Philosophy"
Heraclitus, Fragments
Moira Gatens, "Feminism, Philosophy & Riddles Without Answers" in Feminist Challenges, eds. Pateman & Gross.
Bernal, Martin, "Introduction" from Black Athena.
Jaspers, Karl, "The Axial Period," The Origin and Goal of History
Hwa & Yol Jung, "Postmodernity, Eurocentrism and the Future of Political Philosophy" from Fred Dallmayr, ed., Border Crossings, Toward a Comparative Political Theory

Recommend:
Political Theory. Special issue on What is Political Theory?
Vol 30, No. 4, August 2002
Especially see:
G. Kateb, “The Adequacy of the Canon”
W. Brown, “At the Edge:”

The Emergence of Political Philosophy

The Judaic Tradition

Sept. 8  The Bible, Old Testament
Genesis (1-27), Exodus (1-35), Deuteronomy 1-9, 12, 29-34; Judges 13, 1Samuel 1-18; 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 12-14, Isaiah 1-6, 21, 38, 44-45, Jeremiah 1-12, 21-23.

Recommend:
Bible, Books I-V
M. Buber, "Plato and Isaiah" in Buber's Israel and the World, (1948).
Voegelin, Israel and Revelation
E. Pagels, Adam, Eve and the Serpent.
P. Day (ed.), Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel.
Chinese Political Thought

Sept. 15  
Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*, Books I, II
Confucius, *The Analects* (selections)

Recommend:
- Hsiao and Mote, *A History of Chinese Political Thought*
- Wm. T. De Barey, ed., *Sources of Chinese Traditions*, vol. 1
- H.G. Creel, *Confucius and the Chinese Way*
- Chenyang Li, *The Tao Encounters the West*, Explorations in Comparative Philosophy

Greek Political Thought

Sept. 22-29  
Aristophanes, *The Clouds*
Plato, *The Apology and Crito*
Plato, *Republic*
Epistles, 7th and 8th Letters (Sakai)

Recommend:
- Plato, *The Laws*
- Gregory Vlastos, *Plato II*, a Collection of Critical Essays
- Gregory Vlastos, *Socrates Ironist & Moral Philosopher*
- S. Okin, Part I "Plato" in *Women in Western Political Thought*
- N. Bluestone, *Women and the Ideal Society*
- E. Keuls, *The Reign of the Phallus*, Sexual Politics in Ancient Athens
- Leo Strauss, *The City and Man*

Oct. 6-13  
Aristotle, *The Politics*

Recommend:
- Barker, *The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*
- Various chapters on Aristotle in Okin, Saxonhouse, Wolin, Strauss and Cropsey, etc. See list of secondary sources.

Oct. 16  
1st Paper Due

The Roman Empire

Oct. 20  
Cicero, *On the Commonwealth*
Epictetus, *The Enchiridion*

Recommend:
- Tacitus, *The Histories*
Christianity and Philosophy: The Synthesis

Oct. 27
The Bible: New Testament
The Gospel According to John
Acts of the Apostles (selections)
Letters of Paul to:
   Romans
   1st Corinthians
Augustine, The Political Writings of St. Augustine (selections)
Aquinas, Introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas (selections)

Recommend:
Cochrane, Christianity and Classical Culture
M. Warner, Alone of All Her Sex
H. Arendt, Love in St. Augustine

Oct. 30  2nd Paper Due

NEW PATHS: POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PHILANTHROPY

Nov. 3
Machiavelli, The Prince and the Discourses (selections)
Descartes, The Discourse on Method and Meditations

Recommend:
N. Machiavelli, Mandragola
H. Pitkin, Fortune Is a Woman
S. DeGrazia, Machiavelli in Hell
M. Fleisher (ed.), Machiavelli and the Nature of Political Thought
W. Doney (ed.), Descartes: A Collection of Critical Essays
J. Pocock, The Machiavellilan Moment
Christine de Pizan, The Book of the City of Ladies
Erica Horth, Cartesian Women

Social Contract

Nov. 10-17
Hobbes, Leviathan (selections)
Locke, 2nd Treatise on Government (selections)
Rousseau, 1st and 2nd Discourses
   The Social Contract (selections)
Pateman, The Sexual Contract (selections)
Mill, On Liberty and Utilitarianism

Recommend:
Locke, Letter Concerning Toleration
Ashcraft, Revolutionary Politics and Locke's Two Treatises of Government
Wollstonecraft, Vindication of the Rights of Woman
Jacobson, Pride and Solace
Rawls, Theory of Justice
Hirshman, The Passion and the Interests
Macpherson, Possessive Individualism
K. Minogue, The Liberal Mind
Wolff, Marcuse and Moore, A Critique of Pure Tolerance
Mill, On the Subjection of Women

Nov. 20

3rd Paper Due

History and Dialectic

Nov. 24-Dec. 1 Hegel, Philosophy of Right (selections)
Marx, Basic Writings on Political Philosophy

Recommend:
Kaufman, Hegel's Political Philosophy
C. Taylor, Hegel and Modern Society
K. Lowith, From Hegel to Nietzsche
Tucker, Philosophy and Myth in K. Marx
Meszaros, Marx's Theory of Alienation
Ollman, Alienation
Avineri, Marx's Socialism
M. Jay, Marxism and Totality
Balbus, Marxism and Domination
S. Firestone, The Dialectic of Sex
B. Weinbaum, The Curious Courtship of Women's Liberation and Socialism
A. Ferguson, Sexual Democracy

Revolt, Revision and Critique

December 8 Nietzsche, Use and Abuse of History
Freud, Civilization and the Discontents
Arendt, Between Past and Future (selections)

Recommend:
Kierkegaard, The Present Age
Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil
Arendt, The Human Condition
Marcuse, Eros and Civilization

Final Examination Due December 15