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CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL COMMUNITY I

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Theme of course:

Plato's REPUBLIC, the classic search for the best form of government and the rejection of
tyranny in favor of virtuous citizenship and the philosophic life, emerged against the backdrop of
the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta (the first superpower conflict) and the moral
and political crisis it sparked in history's first democracy. We will consider Thucydides’ account
of how the Athenian Empire rose from the Greek victory over the Persian Empire, the emergence
of Greek tragedy (as exemplified by Sophocles) and philosophy (the pre-Socratics and Sophists)
as responses to the crisis of Athenian civilization as it grappled with the contradiction between
self-government at home and imperialism abroad, and how Plato drew together all of these
elements in the GORGIAS, SYMPOSIUM and REPUBLIC in his exploration of a regime based
on justice and reason.

Texts: (Available for Purchase at University Bookstore)*

1. Thucydides. ON JUSTICE, POWER AND HUMAN NATURE. (Abridged version of THE
PELOPONNESIAN WAR). Hackett.
2. Sophocles. OEDIPUS TYRANNUS. Hackett.
3. Plato. GORGIAS. Hackett.
5. Plato. THE REPUBLIC. Hackett.

* A number of these texts may be available free on line. I have chosen the ones listed here
because they combine the best translations with the most reasonable prices.

Evaluation:

1) A term paper to be submitted at my office on the last day of the Fall term, December 7, at 12
noon. 15 pages double-spaced typed. No e-submissions. Worth 50% of grade.

2) Weekly oral presentations on the readings on an equally rotating basis. Worth 50% of grade.
Attendance and Lateness Policy:

1) Attendance is obligatory, not optional. Every student is expected to attend every class unless
the student has a recognized documented medical or personal excuse for being absent.

2) Late papers will be penalized by half a grade a day after the final due date for submission.

Schedule of Readings:

Sept. 6. Introductory Remarks.

Sept. 13. Thucydides. ON JUSTICE, POWER AND HUMAN NATURE (Abridged
version of THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR). Readings are by book and chapter numbers. 1.1-23;
1.68-88; 1.140-146; 2.35-46; 2.47-54; 2.59-65.

Sept. 20. Thucydides continued. 3.37-51; 3.81-85; 5.84-116; 6.8-26.

Sept. 27. Sophocles. OEDIPUS TYRANNUS. Entire.


Oct. 11. Plato. SYMPOSIUM. 172-212c

Oct. 18. Plato. SYMPOSIUM. 212d-223d.

Oct. 25. FALL BREAK – no class

Nov. 1. Plato. REPUBLIC. Books 1 and 2.


Nov. 15. Plato. REPUBLIC. Books 5, 6 and 7.

Nov. 22. Plato. REPUBLIC. Books 8, 9 and 10.

Nov. 29. Review and Conclusion.

Academic Accommodations

Requests for Academic Accommodation
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an
accommodation request, the processes are as follows:
Pregnancy obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. carleton.ca/pmc

Survivors of Sexual Violence
As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities
Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Plagiarism
The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:
• reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
• submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
• using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
• using another’s data or research findings;
• failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
• handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

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Submission and Return of Term Work
Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading
Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

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Approval of final grades
Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Carleton E-mail Accounts
All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student’s responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

Carleton Political Science Society
"The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. By hosting social events, including Model Parliament, debates, professional development sessions and more, CPSS aims to involve all political science students at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through our networking opportunities, academic engagement initiatives and numerous events which aim to complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/CarletonPoliticalScienceSociety/ and our website https://carletonpss.com/, or stop by our office in Loeb D688!"

Official Course Outline
The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.