

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Political Science 310

Schedule

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Lecture

- 1 Instructor's introduction to political philosophy.
- 2 Crespigny & Minogue, Contemporary Political Philosophers, "Introduction"; Downtown & Hart, "Reflections on Political Philosophy"; Strauss, "What is Political Philosophy?"
- 3 Bloom, The Republic of Plato Books I & II; "Interpretive Essay", pp. 395-436.
- 4 T.Y. Henderson, "In Defence of Thrasymachus".
- 5 Bloom, Books 3, 7, 8. Strauss, "On Classical Political Philosophy"; Oates, "Plato: Being and Value: The Theory of Ideas".
- 6 Bloom, Books 9, 10. Murdoch, "On the Sovereignty of the Good"; Miller, "Leo Strauss: The Recovery of Political Philosophy", in Contemporary Political Philosophers.
- 7 Barker, The Politics of Aristotle, Introduction, Book I.
- 8 Barker, Books II, III, IV.
- 9 Barker, Books V, VI, VII.
- 10 Review of Aristotle
- 11 Augustine, The City of God
- 12 Augustine, The City of God; Deane, "Classical and Christian Political Thought".
- 13 Aquinas, "On Princely Government", Book I; Voegelin, "on Debate and Existence".
- 14 Machiavelli, The Prince.
- 15 Ibid., Midterm Test
- 16 Ibid., I. Kristol, "Machiavelli and the Profanation of Politics".
- 17 J.M. Porter, Luther, Selected Political Writings, Chapter I.

Lecture

- 18 Hobbes, The Leviathan, Introduction, Part I.
- 19 Ibid., Part II; Henry, N.O., "Political Obligation and Collective Goods".
- 20 The Leviathan: "Thomas Hobbes", Ch. VII, Hearnshaw, The Social and Political Ideas of the Thinkers of the 16th & 17th Centuries. B. Campbell, "Prescription and Description in Political Thought: The Case for Hobbes" APSR, June, 1971.
- 21 Review of Hobbes; "The Individual", Ch. XIV, P. King, The Ideology of Order; Clifford Orwin, "On the Sovereign Authorization", Political Theory, Vol. 3 No. 1 February, 1975. Whitaker, "Competition For Powers: Hobbes and the Quebec Question" (1978).
- 22 John Locke's Two Treatises of Government, Introduction; Part I.
- 23 Ibid., Part II. Ashcraft, "Locke's State of Nature: Historical Fact or Moral Fiction"; Wieler, "An Analysis of Ashcraft".
- 24 E. Barker, The Social Contract, Introduction & "Locke"; Freedom for Progress", Contemporary Political Philosophers.
- 25 Review of Locke, Barker, Social Contract. "Rousseau".
- 26 Waldman, "Rousseau on the General Will and the Legislator"; Polanyi, "Beyond Nihilism", in Knowing and Being.
- 27 J.S. Mill, Utilitarianism, On Liberty, & Considerations on Representative Government.
- 28 Karl Marx, Part I & II in Tucker, The Marx-English Reader, (For additional background: K. Lowith, "Man's Self-Alienation in the Early Writings of Marx").
- 29 Karl Marx, Part III & IV in Tucker; J.M. Porter, "Rousseau & Marx: Alienation and Politics"; Liebich, "Hegel, Marx and Althusser"; Ruprecht, "Marx and Marcuse".
- 30 Karl Marx, Part V; D.V. Wieler, "Thomas Sowell's Marx".
- 31 Final Test.