

DETAILED COURSE CALENDAR (**REVISED**)

Week	Topics and Readings
Week #1 August 22	Principles of Democracy and the Ideal State Course Introduction: What is Philosophical Discussion?; What is “Social/Political Philosophy”?
August 24	“The Nature of Justice” (READINGS: [SPP] Plato’s <i>Republic</i> , pp. 17-20)
August 26	“The Forms of Government and their Effects on People” (READINGS: [SPP] Plato’s <i>Republic</i> , pp. 26-45 and [SPP] Plato’s <i>Crito</i>, pp. 46-58). (First Reading Summary Due; Group 1 Report)
Week #2 August 29	Principles of Democracy and Ideal States (cont’d) + State of Nature and Civil Society: Monarchy “Socrates’ Death: Submission to Unjust Authority or the Highest Commitment to Philosophy?” (READINGS: [SPP] Plato’s <i>Crito</i> , pp. 46-58.
August 31	“The State of Nature” [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i> , pp. 138-145. (Second Reading Summary Due; Group 2 Report)
September 2	“The State of Nature, cont’d” (READINGS: [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i> , pp. 145-152)
Week #3 September 5	State of Nature and Civil Society: Monarchy + State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy Labor Day....No Class
September 7	“The Rights of the Sovereign and the Liberty of Subjects” (READINGS: [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i> , pp. 152-168) (Third Reading Summary Due; Group 3 Report)
September 9	“Locke on the State of Nature” (READINGS: [SPP] John Locke’s <i>An Essay Concerning the True Original Extent and End of Civil Government</i> , pp. 169-175).
Week #4 September 12	State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy + Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy “Locke on the State of Nature” <i>continued</i> (NO NEW READINGS)
September 14	“Locke on Property, the Beginning of Political Societies and their Ends” (READINGS: [SPP] John Locke’s <i>An Essay Concerning the True Original Extent and End of Civil Government</i> , pp. 175-187). (Fourth Reading Summary Due; Group 4 Report)
First Paper Topics Distributed	
September 16	“Locke on Forms of a Commonwealth, Subordination of its Powers and the Dissolution of Government” (READINGS: John Locke’s <i>An Essay...</i> , pp. 187-204).
Week #5 September 19	Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy for the United States + Zinn’s on History from Below” “Jefferson on Natural Aristocrats, Majority Rule and Revolutions” (READINGS: [SPP] Thomas Jefferson’s <i>Natural Aristocracy</i> , pp. 266-270; <i>The Principle of Majority Rule</i> , p. 255; <i>On Revolutions</i> , pp. 256-257). (Fifth Reading Summary Due; Group 5 Report)

- September 21 “Jefferson on Social and Political Change” (READINGS: [SPP] Jefferson *The Place and Value of Social and Political Change*, pp. 264-277).
- September 23 “Zinn on Tyranny” (READINGS: [PH] Chapter 4 “Tyranny is Tyranny,” pp. 59-75).
- Week #6** **NOTE: This week was spent catching up....no new readings, no reading summaries due until Week #7**
- Week #7 Utilitarian Liberal Democracy
- October 3 “Mill’s theory of liberal democracy” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 302-315).
(Sixth Reading Summary Due: Group 6 Report)
- October 5 “Mill on Liberty cont’d” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 315-337).
- October 7 “Wrapping up Mill’s Utilitarian Theory of Liberal Democracy” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 337-341).
- Week #8 Capitalism, Marxist Communism, and Socialism
- October 10 (READINGS: [SPP] Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels’ *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, pp. 342-356).
(Seventh Reading Summary Due: Group 7 Report)
- October 12 Marx and Engels’ continued (no new readings)
- October 14 (READINGS: [SPP] Karl Marx’s *A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy*, pp. 379-380; (PH) Chapter 13, “The Socialist Challenge”).
- Week #9 Anarchism
- October 17 (Res) Emma Goldman’s “Anarchism: What It Really Stands For?”.
(Eighth Reading Summary Due: Group 8 Report)
- October 19 (D) Read up to Chapter 6; Anarchism continued.
First Paper Due tomorrow, October 20.
- October 21 (Res) Emma Goldman’s “The Tragedy of Women’s Emancipation”
- Week #10 Anarchism ... / ... Civil Disobedience
- October 24 Discussion of Ursula Leguin’s Novel chapters 1-6
(Ninth Reading Summary Due: Group 9 Report)
- October 26 (D) Read up to Chapter 8. (no new readings)
- October 28 (D) Complete. More discussion of the implications Leguin’s *The Dispossessed*.
- Week #11 Civil Disobedience ... / ...Contemporary Issues in the United States
- October 31 November 2 (READINGS: [SPP] Henry David Thoreau’s *On the Duty of civil Disobedience*, pp. 283-301).
(Tenth Reading Summary Due: Group 10 Report)
- November 2 More on Thoreau’s *Duty of Civil Disobedience* (no new readings)
- November 4 (READINGS: [SPP] Mohandas K. Gandhi’s *Collected Writings on Non-Violent Resistance*

- Week #12 Civil Disobedience ... / ... Contemporary Issues in the United States
- November 7 More on Gandhi's *Collected Writings on Non-Violent Resistance* (no new readings)
- November 9 Nonviolence and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement (READINGS: Martin Luther King's *Letter from the Birmingham Jail* [available online through Weblinks on CU Learn])
- November 11 John Dewey: An American Political Philosopher (READINGS: [SPP] John Dewey, *Reconstruction in Philosophy*, pp. 463-477).
- Week #13 John Dewey on Ethics ... / ... Sartre's Existentialist Alternative
- November 14 No New Readings (Dewey Continued)
- November 16 (SPP) John Dewey, *Ethics*, pp. 478-499
- November 18 John Dewey *Ethics* continued (no new readings)
- Week #14 Thanksgiving Break
- Week #15 Contemporary Issues in the United States: Race
- November 28 (RCG) Part I: The Social Construction of Difference: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality, Introduction and Chaps 1 & 2 (pp. 1-31)
Makeup Reading Summary (11)/Makeup Group Report 11
- November 30 Social Construction of Difference *continued* (no new readings)
- December 2 (RCG)Part III: Understanding Racism, sexism, and Class Privilege, Chaps 1-3& 5, pp. 130-153, 165-169
- Week #16 Contemporary Issues in the United States: Race and Gender
- December 5 (RCG) Part VI: How it Happened: Race and Gender Issues in U.S. Law, chap1-4, pp. 370-389
Makeup Reading Summary (12)/Makeup Group Report 12
- December 7 How It Happened *continued* (no new readings)
- December 9 (RCG) Part I, Chaps 3-6, pp. 32-51
- Week #17 Final Exam Week**
- December 12 Final Exam Distributed thru CU Learn**
- December 15 10:30 a.m.: Final Exam or Final Paper Due (to be delivered via email...no meeting in classroom required)**