

DETAILED COURSE CALENDAR (REVISED)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topics and Readings</u>
<u>Week #1</u> August 22	<u>Principles of Democracy and the Ideal State</u> 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 <del>and [SPP] Plato’s <i>Crito</i>, pp. 46-58</del> ). <b>(First Reading Summary Due; Group 1 Report)</b>
<u>Week #2</u> August 29	<u>Principles of Democracy and Ideal States (cont’d) + State of Nature and Civil Society: Monarchy</u> “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. <b>(Second Reading Summary Due; Group 2 Report)</b>
September 2	“The State of Nature, cont’d” (READINGS: [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i> , pp. 145-152)
<u>Week #3</u> September 5	<u>State of Nature and Civil Society: Monarchy + State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy</u> 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) <b>(Third Reading Summary Due; Group 3 Report)</b>
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).
<u>Week #4</u> September 12	<u>State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy + Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy</u> “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). <b>(Fourth Reading Summary Due; Group 4 Report)</b>
<b>**First Paper Topics Distributed**</b>	
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).
<u>Week #5</u> September 19	<u>Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy for the United States + Zinn’s on History from Below</u> “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). <b>(Fifth Reading Summary Due; Group 5 Report)</b>
September 21	“Jefferson on Social and Political Change” (READINGS: [SPP] Jefferson <i>The</i>

*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      Discussion of Ursula Leguin’s Novel chapters 1-6 (no new readings)

Week #10      Anarchism ... / ... Civil Disobedience

October 24      (D) Read up to Chapter 8.

**(Ninth Reading Summary Due: Group 9 Report)**

October 26      (Res) Emma Goldman’s “The Tragedy of Women’s Emancipation”

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*

