

DETAILED COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Topics and Readings
<p><u>Week #1</u> August 22</p> <p>August 24</p> <p>August 26</p>	<p><u>Principles of Democracy and the Ideal State</u> Course Introduction: What is Philosophical Discussion?; What is “Social/ Political Philosophy”?</p> <p>“The Nature of Justice” (READINGS: [SPP] Plato’s <i>Republic</i>, pp. 17-20)</p> <p>“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)</p>
<p><u>Week #2</u> August 29</p> <p>August 31</p> <p>September 2</p>	<p><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.</p> <p>“The State of Nature” [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i>, pp. 138-145. (Second Reading Summary Due; Group 2 Report)</p> <p>“The State of Nature, cont’d” (READINGS: [SPP] Thomas Hobbes’ <i>Leviathon</i>, pp. 145-152)</p>
<p><u>Week #3</u> September 5</p> <p>September 7</p> <p>September 9</p>	<p><u>State of Nature and Civil Society: Monarchy + State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy</u> Labor Day....No Class</p> <p>“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)</p> <p>“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).</p>
<p><u>Week #4</u> September 12</p> <p>September 14</p> <p>September 16</p>	<p><u>State of Nature and Civil Society: Liberal Democracy + Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy</u> “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)</p> <p>“Locke on Forms of a Commonwealth, Subordination of its Powers and the Dissolution of Government” (READINNGS: John Locke’s <i>An Essay...</i>, pp. 187-204). **First Paper Topics Distributed**</p> <p>“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)</p>
<p><u>Week #5</u> September 19</p>	<p><u>Jefferson’s Liberal Democracy for the United States + Zinn’s on History from Below</u> “Jefferson on Social and Political Change” (READINGS: [SPP] Jefferson <i>The Place and Value of Social and Political Change</i>, pp. 264-277.</p>

September 21 “Zinn on Tyranny” (READINGS: [PH] Chapter 4 “Tyranny is Tyranny,” pp. 59-75).

September 23 “Jefferson and Zinn cont’d” (no new reading)

Week #6 Utilitarian Liberal Democracy

September 26 “Mill’s theory of liberal democracy” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 302-315).

(Sixth Reading Summary Due: Group 6 Report)

September 28 “Mill on Liberty cont’d” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 315-337).

September 30 “Wrapping up Mill’s Utilitarian Theory of Liberal Democracy” (READINGS: [SPP] John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*, pp. 337-341).