Phil 144: Early Modern Political Philosophy
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Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30pm–3:05pm, Crown Clrm 208

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Course Requirements

Two short papers (2–3 pages), due Monday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 27 (each worth 25% of the final grade).

One longer paper (6–8 pages) (worth 50% of the final grade), due Wednesday, March 20.

The paper assignments will be available on-line as soon as I have written them, and there will be links to them from this syllabus as well as from my main course page. I will discuss the assignments in class when the due date draws near. You can find answers to some commonly asked questions about my assignments and grading in my FAQ (http://people.ucsc.edu/~abestone/courses/faq.html).

Papers are to be handed in, as attachments, via the “Assignments” tool on Canvas. Please submit in PDF or in a format easily convertible to PDF (e.g., MSWord, RTF, plain text, LATEX). The system will accept late submissions, but late papers may not receive full credit. The system is not set up to allow resubmissions: once you press the “submit” button, it will not let you change your response. If, however, you mistakenly submit something and want to change it, please contact me and I can make an exception.
All assignments are due by 11:55pm on the due date.

Texts

An older edition is available on [Google Books](#) and [Wikisource](#) among other places, and there is a LibriVox recording in two parts: books I and II and books III and IV.

Older edition of the *Two Treatises of Government* are available on [Google Books](#) (the *Second Treatise* begins on p. 187) and [LibriVox](#) (the *Second Treatise* begins with section 15); the *Second Treatise* is also available on [Wikisource](#). The *Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina* are available at the Avalon Project and on the Internet Archive.

The *Discourse on Inequality* is available (in different translations) on [Google Books](#) and [Wikisource](#) and there is also a [LibriVox](#) recording. Likewise for the *Social Contract*: [Google Books](#), [Wikisource](#), [LibriVox](#).

The above texts should be available at the Literary Guillotine, and they will also be put on reserve at McHenry. Other readings will be avaiible on [Canvas](#).

Readings

Tuesday, January 8: (no reading, first class).

Hobbes

Thursday, January 10: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Introduction (all); ch. I (all); ch. II, §11; ch. III, §12; ch. IV, §§12–13; ch. V (all); ch. VI, §§1–7, 49–59; ch. VII (all); ch. VIII, §§1–2, 13–16; ch’s. X–XI (all) (pp. 3–8, 15, 19.

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1The symbol § stands for “section” (§§ means “sections”). I use it here to refer to the paragraph numbers, in brackets in Hackett edition. If you are unsure (or a bit rusty) on how to read Roman numerals, used for the chapter numbers here, there is a handy guide on [Wolfram MathWorld](#).
22–9, 33–8, 40–41, 50–63). (Note: we will read ch. XII, about the origins of religion, later on.)

Tuesday, January 15: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch.’s XIII–XV (all) (pp. 74–100).


Tuesday, January 29: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch. XII (all); ch. XXXII (all); ch. XLII, §§5–14, 36–8; ch. XLVI, §§1–18; Conclusion, §§15–17 (pp. 63–74, 245–50, 336–41, 351–2, 453–60, 495–7).

**Locke**


Monday, February 4: **First short paper due.**

Tuesday, February 5: Locke, *Second Treatise*, ch.’s 6–7 (all); ch. 8, §§95–9, 119–22 (pp. 286–311, 322–4).


Thursday, February 14: Locke, *Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina* (pp. 210–32); *Essay concerning Human Understanding*, Book I, ch. II, §§2–5 and ch. 4, end of §12 (from “Had you or I been born at the Bay of Soldania”); Book II, ch. XVI, beginning of §6 (through “and the fingers of the others who were present”) and ch. XXVII, §8; Book III, ch. VI, §§3 and 22–7; Book IV, ch. IV, §§13–6; ch. VIII, §§6–7; ch. XII, end of §11 (from “Of what consequence the discovery”).

**Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, and Hume**

Tuesday, February 19: Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality*, Part I (pp. 44–69).

Thursday, February 21: Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality*, Part II (pp. 69–92).


Wednesday, February 27: **Second short paper due.**


Tuesday, March 5: Rousseau, *Social Contract*, Book I (all); Book II, ch.’s 1–5 (pp. 155–178).


Wednesday, March 20: **Final paper due.**