

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 Monday, March 4 (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 (<https://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, L^AT_EX). 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

Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Hackett, 1994) (ISBN: 0872201775).

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.

Locke, *Political Writings* (Hackett, 2003) (ISBN: 0872206769).

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

Rousseau, *Basic Political Writings* (Hackett, 2012) (ISBN: 1603846735).

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 available 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,

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).

Thursday, January 17: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch.'s XVI–XIX (all) (pp. 101–127).

Tuesday, January 22: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch. XX, §§1–10, 18–19; ch. XXI (all); ch. XXII, §§1–10, 16, 26; ch. XXIII, §§1–8; ch. XXIV, §§1–10; ch. XXV (all) (pp. 127–131, 135–48, 149–50, 152–3, 155–7, 159–63, 165–72).

Thursday, January 24: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch. XXVI, §§1–26, 40–41; ch. XXVIII, §§1–2, ch. XXIX, §§1–17; ch. XXX, §§1–5; ch. XXXI (all) (pp. 172–83, 186–9, 203–4, 210–17, 219–21, 233–44).

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

Thursday, January 31: Locke, *Second Treatise*, ch.'s 1–5, (all) (pp. 261–86); *Essay concerning Human Understanding*, Book II, ch. XXVIII, §§5–10.

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 7: Locke, *Second Treatise*, ch.'s 9–15 (all) (pp. 324–351).

Tuesday, February 12: Locke, *Second Treatise*, ch.'s 16–18 (all); ch. 19, §§211–30, 240–43 (pp. 352–78, 386–7).

Thursday, February 14: Locke, *Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina* (pp. 210–32); *Essay concerning Human Understanding*, Book I, ch. II, §§2–5 and ch. IV, 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, §§13–16; 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).

Tuesday, February 26: Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, ch.’s 1 and 9.

Thursday, February 28: Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, ch.’s 10–12.

Monday, March 4: **Second short paper due.**

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

Thursday, March 7: Rousseau, *Social Contract*, Book II, ch.’s 6–12; Book III, ch.’s 1–7 (pp. 178–206).

Tuesday, March 12: Rousseau, *Social Contract*, Book III, ch.’s 8–18; Book IV, ch.’s 1–3, 8–9 (pp. 207–230, 243–52).

Thursday, March 14: Hume, “Of the Original Contract” and “On Passive Obedience.”

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