

**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,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ). 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

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.

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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 online (either via public link or on Canvas).

## Readings

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

## Hobbes

Thursday, January 10: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Introduction (all); ch. I (all); ch. II, §1<sup>1</sup>; ch. III, §12; ch. IV, §§12–13; ch. V (all); ch. VI, §§1–7, 49–59;

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<sup>1</sup>The 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.

ch. VII (all); ch. VIII, §§1–2, 13–16; ch.’s. X–XI (all) (pp. 3–8, 15, 19, 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.**