

“It is vain to say, that enlightened statesmen will be able to adjust these clashing interests, and render them all subservient to the public good. Enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm: Nor, in many cases, can such an adjustment be made at all, without taking into view indirect and remote considerations, which will rarely prevail over the immediate interests which one party may find in disregarding the rights of another, or the good of the whole.”
— , No. 10

“Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull, and indifferent; but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical, and determined.”

—Frederick Douglass, “Oration in Memory of Lincoln”

**POLI 3809: Honors Seminar in Political Science:
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Description: Statesmanship is the exercise of political virtue in high office. But, wrote James Madison anticipati

Books available for purchase:

- John Barry, (Penguin)
[9780143122883]
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[9780821407653]
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A course website, including material not included in the books available for purchase, is available for registered students on Moodle. Most of the books may be found on reserve in Middleton Library.

SYLLABUS:**INTRODUCTION**

Mon., 8/25 Introduction
James Madison, , no. 10
Frederick Douglass, “Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln”

Week One: The Political Theory of Statesmanship, Classical and Modern

Wed., 8/27 Aristotle, , Book I, ch. 1-2; Book III (entire)
Aristotle, , Book IV, ch. 3-4; Book VI, ch. 5, 8-11
Aquinas, , Book II, ch. 1-4

Wed., 9/3 Machiavelli,

Weeks Seven & Eight: The Two Presidencies

- Mon., 10/13 Eliot Cohen, , ch. 1-2
- Wed., 10/15 , ch. 6-7
- Mon., 10/20 Jeff Tulis, , ch. 1-4
- Wed., 10/22 , ch. 5-7
- Fri., 10/24 **short essay due**

Weeks Nine, Ten, & Eleven: Statesmanship in the World Arena

- Mon., 10/27 Henry Kissinger, , ch. 1-2, 27-28
- Wed., 10/29 , ch. 29-31
- Mon., 11/3 Mandela, , parts 9-10
- Wed., 11/5 , part 11
- Fri., 11/7 **short essay due**
- Mon., 11/10 , pp. 14-108
- Wed., 11/12 , pp. 109-211

Workshop: RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Mon., 11/17 presentations
- Wed., 11/19 presentations
- Mon., 11/24 presentations

[THANKSGIVING BREAK]

- Mon., 12/1 presentations
- Wed., 12/3 presentations
- Fri., 12/12 **FINAL PAPER DUE**