

# FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF POLITICS

Political Science 1001  
Section 1

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## **Part I: The Origins of Political Consciousness**

Topics:       The Principle of Subjectivity & the Homeless Spirit

Readings: \*\*Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* Book II, III, & V  
(<http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.html> )  
\*\*Aristotle, *Politics*, Book III  
(<http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/politics.html> )

**\*\*\*EXAMINATION #1 TENTATIVE DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29\*\*\***

**Part IV: Disorder & Deliverance: The *Nomos* & the Foundations of Political Order**

Topics: Power & Authority  
Political Culture, Socialization, & Ideology  
The American Political Culture  
Protecting the *Nomos*  
Moses and the *Nomos* of Liberation

Readings: Euripides, *Hecuba*  
\*\*"The Behavior of Genes," by Gene Robinson,  
*New York Times*, December 13, 2004  
\*\**Exodus* (Shemot 1-6) Click JPS for English Text  
(<http://www.hareidi.org/bible/Exodus.htm>)  
\*Michael Gerson, "The Kind of Village it Takes"  
\*\*Russell Kirk, "Ten Conservative Principles"  
(<http://www.kirkcenter.org/index.php/detail/ten-conservative-principles/>)  
\*\*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 1.2 "Negative Liberty";

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## Part VI: The International System: Conflict and Cooperation Among Nation-States

Topics: International Structures of Decision-Making  
Conflict in the Anarchy of Sovereigns – War & Its Causes  
The Just War Doctrine  
War & Democracy

Readings: \*\*"International Relations, Principal Theories," by Anne-Marie Slaughter  
[https://www.princeton.edu/~slaughtr/Articles/722\\_IntlRelPrincipalTheories\\_Slaughter\\_20110509zG.pdf](https://www.princeton.edu/~slaughtr/Articles/722_IntlRelPrincipalTheories_Slaughter_20110509zG.pdf)  
\*\*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy – Just War  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/war/>  
\*Chris Hedges, War: Realities and Myths  
\*Wendell Berry, "Making It Home"

\*\*\*\*EXAMINATION TWO TENTATIVE DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3\*\*\*\*

## Part VII: Democratic Republics

Topics: Characteristics of Democratic Regimes  
Majority Rule and Minority Rights  
Conflict Resolution in a Democracy  
The Discourse of Democratic Politics  
Hybrid Regimes

Readings: Euripides, *Hecuba* (Revisited)  
\*\*"Defining Democracy"  
<http://www.ait.org.tw/infousa/zhtw/docs/whatsdem/whatdm2.htm>  
\*\*"Politics and the English Language," by George Orwell  
<http://www.resort.com/~prime8/Orwell/patee.html>  
\*\*"Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," by Robert D. Putnam  
\*\*Thinking about Hybrid Regimes," by Larry Diamond  
<http://www.asu.edu/courses/pos350/diamond--Thinking%20about%20Hybrid%20Regimes.pdf>

## Part VIII: Freedom, Identity, and the Needs of Strangers

Topics: Identity and Politics  
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## **Part IX: The Philosopher, the Citizen, & the City**

Topics: Pericles' Model of Citizenship  
Socratic Model of Citizenship  
Civic Virtue, Judgment, Skepticism & Ambiguity

Readings: \*\*"Pericles' Funeral Oration," Thucydides, *The History of the Peloponnesian War*  
(<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pericles.htm>)  
\*\*Plato, *Apology*  
(<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/apology.html>)

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & EXAMINATIONS:** There will be **three major examinations** in this course. The **first two of these examinations will be given during the semester**, as designated on the syllabus, and will count 30 points each.

Finally, classroom etiquette requires that students be attentive and respectful to one another (that means listening when others are making comments or asking questions). If you must arrive late, please do so unobtrusively. Turn your cell phones off when attending class. **Leaving class early, except for emergencies, is unacceptable.** Similarly, talking during lectures and discussions, reading newspapers, taking catnaps, reading email and/or browsing the web are not acceptable classroom behavior. Excessive absenteeism and/or discourteous behavior will result in dismissal from class.

**MOODLE: You may access Moodle through your MyLSU Account. Indeed, you should check to see if you are properly registered in the course by accessing your Account.** In addition, Moodle will contain the course syllabus, with reading hot links, copies of assigned readings, lecture outlines, examination reviews, and, of course, your examination and assignment grades. It will also be used to administer the reading quizzes and the in-class quizzes.

You will need to secure a Student Response System Clicker that is compatible with Turning Technologies software. They may be purchased at the LSU Bookstore, rented from the Library, or purchased/borrowed from a friend. However, only one student per clicker is allowed on the Turning Technology system. Clickers must be registered. Information about this process can be found at the following site: (<http://grok.lsu.edu/categories.aspx?parentcategoryid=991>). Be sure to scroll down for other articles on the clickers. The latest version of the clicker is called ResponseCard RF LCD; it is available at the LSU Bookstore.

**OFFICE HOURS: My office hours this semester are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 10BT1 0 0 1 312.**