

**UCSD DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
210A: SYSTEMS OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II
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Office hours: Monday 11-1; or by appt.

The POLI 210 seminars (A-D) are designed to prepare graduate students for the field examination in political theory. 210A will provide an intensive introduction to European political thought from Thucydides to Augustine, focusing primarily on original texts, occasionally drawing on important and/or provocative secondary material.

Requirements:

Attendance and participation are essential. Additionally, each week, two/three students will be responsible 1) for providing a brief introduction to / bio of the thinker(s) being addressed; and 2) for guiding the group through the week's assigned readings, based upon study questions distributed in advance. Each student (including auditors) can expect to do this twice during the term. You should see these presentations as central to the seminar and important to your grade.

One 15-20 page paper is due Wednesday, Dec. 8, on a suitable topic submitted for approval by week 6.

For Purchase:

Sophocles, THREE THEBAN PLAYS, Penguin

Thucydides, THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR, Penguin

Plato, FIVE DIALOGUES, Hackett

Plato, REPUBLIC, Hackett

Aristotle, THE POLITICS AND THE CONSTITUTION OF ATHENS, Cambridge

Aristotle, THE NICOMACHEAN ETHICS, Oxford

Marcus Aurelius, THE MEDITATIONS, Hackett

Cicero, ON DUTIES, Cambridge

Texts marked with an asterisk (*) are available for copying in the "210A folder" in the graduate student lounge.

Week 1: Introduction: *The Greeks*, PBS production Part I

Week 2: *The Greeks*: PBS production Part II

Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

Book 1 (paragraphs 1-125, 139-46)

Book 2 (1-17, 34-65)

Book 3 (1-15, 25-50, 69-85)

Book 4 (1-23, 26-41)

Book 5 (84-116)

Book 6 (1-31, 42-61, 88-93)

Book 7 (46-56, 60-64, 70-87)

Book 8 (1, 45-98)

F.M. Cornford, "Thucydides' Conception of History", in *Thucydides Mythistoricus*

Week 3: Sophocles, *Antigone*; selections from the 1986 BBC production of *Antigone*

C. Meier, "Tragedy and the Festival of Dionysus," in *The Political Art of Greek Tragedy**

Week 4: Plato, *Apology*, *Crito*

G. Vlastos, "Socrates and Political Obedience and Disobedience" *Yale Law Review*, 1974*

Week 5: Plato, *Republic* I-V

G. Vlastos, "Was Plato a Feminist?" *TLS* 1989*

Week 6: Plato, *Republic*, VI-X; **submit paper topic**

Week 7: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 1; *The Politics*

M. Nussbaum, "Non-Relative Virtues: An Aristotelian Approach," in *Quality of Life*, eds. Nussbaum and Sen*

Week 8: Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*

Cicero, *On Duties*

Hellenistic Fragments* (Epicurus, Hierocles, Plutarch, Seneca, Lucretius, Sextus, etc)

J. Annas, "The Stoics on Other-Concern and Impartiality" in *The Morality of Happiness**

M. Nussbaum, "Kant and Stoic Cosmopolitanism," *Journal of Political Philosophy*
online at: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/links/doi/10.1111/1467-9760.00021/abs/>

S. Wolin, "The Age of Empire: Space and Community," in *Politics and Vision**

Week 10: Augustine, *City of God*

Book I; preface; chs. 1-3, 7-16, 19-28

Book IV; chs. 1-4

Book V; ch. 1, 8-17, 20-23

Book VI; preface; ch. 1

Book XIV; chs. 1-6, 11-28

Book XV; chs. 1-6

Book XVIII; chs. 1-2, 18, 22, 41-2

Book XIX; entire (chs. 1-28)

Book XX; chs. 1-4

Book XXI; chs. 1-5, 9, 14-5, 27

Book XXII; chs. 22-24, 29-30

H. Deane, "Classical and Christian Political Thought," *Political Theory* 1972.*

S. Wolin, "The Early Christian Era: Time and Community," in *Politics and Vision**

Paper due Wednesday, December 8