



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

Poli. 310.01
History of Political Thought
Fall, 2019-Winter, 2020
Course Outline

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COURSE DAY/TIME: Tues-Thurs 1230-1345
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course deals with the foundation of political science by Plato and with the foundation of modern political science by Machiavelli. We will read selected works of both these authors and Shakespeare's responses to Machiavelli, The Tragedy of Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet. We begin with a discussion of the problem of political correctness, which is as familiar to Plato and Machiavelli as it is to us. They just called it by another name.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The objective is to provide students with the opportunity to read a small number of important texts carefully. This is **not** a survey course but is intentionally designed to allow students to read attentively and to examine the details of an argument. By learning to pay attention to the dramatic as well as the argumentative aspects of the texts examined, students will acquire the skill of what is sometimes called "close reading."

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Plato, Four Text on Socrates, tr. West, Cornell UP.
Plato, Symposium, tr. Bernadete, U Chicago Press.
Machiavelli, The Prince, tr. De Alvarez, Waveland Press, 1989.
Machiavelli, Mandragola, tr. Flaumenhaft, Waveland Press, 1981.
Shakespeare, Macbeth (any edition).

COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS:

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
Quizzes	20%	17 Oct; 13 Feb
Mid-term (Christmas) exam	25%	Due 12 Dec. 2019
Written assignments	30%	5 Dec; 14 April
Take-Home Final exam	25%	Due 21 April, 2020
Total	100%	

COURSE SCHEDULE & TOPICS: The schedule is tentative and may change as the need arises.

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
Fall	Plato	Four Texts, Symposium
17 Oct. 2019	First “open book” quiz	
5 Dec. 2019	First written paper due	
Winter	Machiavelli	Prince, Mandragola, Macbeth, Romeo
13 Feb. 2020	Second “open book” quiz	
14 April, 2020	Second written paper due	

ASSIGNMENT(S)

Term paper is due last day of class, fall semester, **Thursday 5 December, 2019.**

And the last day of class, winter semester, **14 April, 2020**

15% x 2 = **30% of final grade**

ESSAYS/RESEARCH PAPER(S)

Length: 10-15 pages double-spaced.

Topics: an analytical review of an article, book, or book chapter dealing with any of the texts covered this term.

Please bring your paper to the last class where the course instructor will collect it or submit an electronic version on d2l. A guide to the criteria used in marking a paper and the abbreviations used in comments is posted on d2l.

PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend lectures and to read the assigned materials so as to be able to raise questions and discuss them. Occasionally each term attendance may be taken and, for students in attendance, a “bonus” of up to 5 points may be added to their final mark.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Christmas (=midterm) exam is an open-book take-home. You will have a week to complete your answers.

It will be available on d2l with instructions on how to submit your answers.

It will consist of short answers and a longer essay. You may use books, notes and computers, which is

why it is called an “open-book” exam. Extensions will be granted only for reasons that are extenuating and supported by appropriate documentation (see Supporting Documentation and the Use of Statutory Declarations below).

FINAL EXAMINATION

The final exam is also a take-home open-book exam with the same structure as at Christmas.

GRADE SCALE

The following grading scale will be used:

A+ (91-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (67-69)	D+ (55-59)
A (85-90)	B (73-76)	C (63-66)	D (50-54)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (60-62)	F (0-49)

LATE PENALTIES

In order to ensure equity to students who complete their assignments on time, a late penalty of one mark per day will be deducted from late submissions.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please telephone or email to make an appointment. It is to the student’s advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is a common form of communication but it is not always the most effective way of answering student questions. If you cannot make office hours, please request a one on one meeting outside of these hours.

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cell phones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is disruptive to others. Don’t.

Writing Statement:

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration

As stated in the University Calendar:

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note.

Students can make a Statutory Declaration as their supporting documentation (available at ucalgary.ca/registrar). This requires students to make a declaration in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths. It demonstrates the importance of honest and accurate information provided and is a legally binding declaration. Several registered Commissioners for Oaths are available to students at no charge, on campus. For a list of locations to access a Commissioner for Oaths, visit ucalgary.ca/registrar).

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

This statement is accessible at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

Please note that while the form of supporting documentation provided is at the discretion of the student, the instructor has the discretion not to accept the supporting documentation if it does not corroborate the reason(s) given for the exemption/special request.

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Copyright Legislation:

As stated in the University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, “students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright and requirements of the copyright act to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.”

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf> and <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students’ Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students’ Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551

Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Students’ Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

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Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: askgsa@ucalgary.ca

URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Campus Mental Health Resources:

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>