Political Theory
POT 4003
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Office Hours T 3-5, W 5-6

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SYLLABUS

This course examines the tradition of liberalism from the 17th century to the present.

REQUIRED READINGS

Hobbes	*Leviathan* (Norton Edition)
Locke	*The Selected Political Writings* (Norton)
Rousseau	*Rousseau's Political Writings* (Norton)
Mill	*Mill* (Norton)

REQUIREMENTS

Quizzes	=20% of final grade
Midterm Exam	=35% of final grade
Final Exam	=45% of final grade

I will deploy a +/- grading system. (B- 80-82 B+ 87-89)

SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Readings
8/23	Introduction	
8/25	Themes of the Course	
8/30	Leviathan	*Leviathan* Part 1
9/1	Leviathan	*Leviathan* Part 2
9/6	Evaluation	*Leviathan* (Strauss, Hampton, Kateb and Flathman)
9/8	Intro to Locke	
9/13	Toleration and Education	*Essay on Toleration*
9/15	Second Treatise	*Second Treatise* Chapters 1-8
9/20	Second Treatise	*Second Treatise* Chapters 9-19

9/22	Evaluation	*Locke* (Macpherson, Tully, Taylor, Goldie Dworetz)
9/27	Smith and Economic Liberalism	
9/29	Review	
10/4	Midterm Exam	
10/6	Film	
10/11	Intro to Rousseau	*Discourse on Origin of Inequality*
10/13	Social Contract	*Social Contract* Books 1&2
10/18	Social Contract	*Social Contract* Books 3&4
10/20	No Class (Conference)	
10/25	Evaluation	*Rousseau* (Leigh, Nisbet,Shklar, Wolff)
10/27	Madison	Federalist Papers #10 and #51
11/1	Intro to Mill	*The Spirit of the Age*
11/3	On Liberty	*On Liberty* Ch. 1-4
11/8	On Liberty	*On Liberty* Ch. 5
11/10	Women and Politics	*On the Subjection of Women*
11/15	Evaluation	*Mill* (Stephen, Berlin and Okin)
11/17	T. H. Green	
11/22	Dewey	
11/24	No Class (Thanksgiving)	
11/29	Rawls and Nozick	
12/1	Review	