Political Theory
POT 4003
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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
8/21	Introduction	
8/23	Themes of the Course	
8/28	Leviathan	*Leviathan* Part 1
8/30	Leviathan	*Leviathan* Part 2
9/4	Evaluation	*Leviathan* (Strauss, Hampton, Kateb and Flathman)
9/6	Intro to Locke	
9/11	Toleration and Education	*Essay on Toleration*
9/13	Second Treatise	*Second Treatise* Chapters 1-8
9/18	Second Treatise	*Second Treatise* Chapters 9-19

9/20	Evaluation	*Locke* (Macpherson, Tully, Taylor, Goldie Dworetz)
9/25	Smith and Economic Liberalism	
9/27	Review	
10/2	Midterm Exam	
10/4	Film	
10/9	Intro to Rousseau	*Discourse on Origin of Inequality*
10/11	Social Contract	*Social Contract* Books 1&2
10/16	Social Contract	*Social Contract* Books 3&4
10/18	No Class (Conference)	
10/23	Evaluation	*Rousseau* (Leigh, Nisbet, Shklar, Wolff)
10/25	Madison	Federalist Papers #10 and #51
10/30	Intro to Mill	*The Spirit of the Age*
11/1	On Liberty	*On Liberty* Ch. 1-4
11/6	On Liberty	*On Liberty* Ch. 5
11/8	Women and Politics	*On the Subjection of Women*
11/13	Evaluation	*Mill* (Stephen, Berlin and Okin)
11/15	T. H. Green	
11/20	Dewey	
11/22	No Class (Thanksgiving)	
11/27	Rawls and Nozick	
11/29-12/3	Review	