

**HNRS 380**  
**POLITICAL TRADITIONS OF THE WEST**  
**BLOCK 3 – FALL 2012**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday from 11:15 AM until 12:15 PM  
And by Appointment

**TEXTS AND READING MATERIALS**

1. *Introduction to Political Thinkers*. Ebenstein and Ebenstein  
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  2. *Sister Revolutions*. Susan Dunn  
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- Additional Readings on **Moodle**

**A TUSCULUM COLLEGE COMMONS COURSE IN THE HONORS PROGRAM**

**CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION**

This course will acquaint the student with the republican tradition of responsible and virtuous citizenship and of the individual rights tradition as they were developed in Europe and America. Some consideration will be given to the relevance of these traditions for the world at large in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:      **Writing**

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The civic republican and the individual rights traditions concern two distinct conceptions of political community. Students performing satisfactorily in this course should be able to demonstrate that they...

1. ...understand the historical development of these two traditions
2. ...can compare and contrast the ways in which the two traditions deal with
  - the question of the ultimate purpose of government
  - the nature of citizenship
  - the tradition of constitutionalism
  - contending views of liberty, and
  - the boundary between public and private
3. ...understand how the interplay of the two traditions formed and continues to influence the American political system.
4. ...have examined the relevance of these two traditions to politics in the world of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

ATTENDANCE

Required: this is an integral component for evaluating each student's progress/grade. Absences are only excused for illnesses and emergencies; medical documentation is required. Prior notification is normally required, as absences are only excused if approved by the instructor. Leaving class early without proper notification also counts as an unexcused absence for that day. **Leaving class early without notice a 2<sup>nd</sup> time will result in a Failing Grade for the Course!**

Also, habitual tardiness will have a negative impact on that student's grade. (refer to the Tusculum College Catalog for more details).

**More Than 3 Absences (10 Hours) Will Result in a Failing Grade !!**

**PLAGIARISM:**

The Plagiarism Policy for the course is detailed in the Tusculum College. **Read it! Know it! Live it!** Plagiarism is the theft of intellectual property. Committing this act is an act of Academic Misconduct, and will be dealt with using the appropriate *Sanctions*.

**COURSE EVALUATION**

Attendance/Participation	5%
In-class Writing Assignments	10%
Class Presentations (2)	15%
Dunn Book Essay Paper	10%
Journal (3-part)	15%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	25%

**GRADING SCALE ← 100 possible points**

<b>A</b>	<b>94 – 100</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>90 – 93</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>87 – 89</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>82 – 86</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>79 – 81</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>76 – 78</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>72 – 75</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>69 – 71</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>65 – 68</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60 – 64</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Below 60</b>

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## SCHEDULE

10/17	W	Course Introduction – “The Context of Political Theory” <i>[on Moodle]</i>
10/18	Th	PLATO – Chapter in Ebenstein
10/19	F	ARISTOTLE – Chapter in Ebenstein
10/22	M	CICERO <i>[on Moodle]</i>
10/23	T	ST. AUGUSTINE – Chapter in Ebenstein ST. THOMAS AQUINAS – Chapter in Ebenstein
10/24	W	NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI – Chapter in Ebenstein <b>Journal Part-1 Due</b>
10/25	Th	THOMAS HOBBS – Chapter in Ebenstein
10/26	F	JOHN LOCKE – Chapter in Ebenstein
10/29	M	JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU – Chapter in Ebenstein
<b>10/30</b>	<b>T</b>	<b><u>MID-TERM EXAM</u></b>
10/31	W	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN <i>[on Moodle]</i> ALEXANDER HAMILTON; THOMAS JEFFERSON; JAMES MADISON <i>[Lecture]</i> → Begin Reading <i>Sister Revolutions</i> by Susan Dunn
11/1	Th	ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE <i>[on Moodle]</i> <b>Journal Part-2 Due</b>
11/2	F	JOHN STUART MILL – Chapter in Ebenstein → Complete Reading <i>Sister Revolutions</i> by Susan Dunn
11/5	M	KARL MARX – Chapter in Ebenstein <u>Paper Due</u> on <i>Sister Revolutions</i> by Susan Dunn
11/6	T	JOHN DEWEY <i>[on Moodle]</i>

11/7 W AYN RAND *[on Moodle]*

11/8 Th EDMUND BURKE & RUSSELL KIRK *[on Moodle]*  
**Journal Part-3 Due**

**11/9 F FINAL EXAM**

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**Notes:**

1. Students must turn in all assignments on the due date in order to receive full credit! Doing otherwise will also incur a penalty.
2. Regarding inclement weather: the scheduled assigned readings will remain the same. Lectures, Assignments, Quizzes, and Exams will be re-scheduled for the next class day.
3. We must all conduct ourselves in a civil manner; inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
4. Drinks and snacks are perfectly acceptable; however, no eating full course meals during class time except during break periods.
5. Students need to discuss any problems with me in getting the required Textbooks. Not having the required course materials will result in a grade deduction.
6. Know Your Rights & Responsibilities! See the ‘Academic Policies’ section of the Tusculum College.