CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST 2017-2018
REQUIRED CC READINGS—CC1101 FALL 2017

[16 Sessions]

Plato, Republic (complete) [2 sessions minimum]

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics and Politics [2]

Exodus 1-24; Deuteronomy 1-6; I Samuel 2, 8-10, 17-20; Ecclesiastes [1] (in the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)

Matthew 3-7, Romans (entire), Galatians (entire) [1] (in the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)

Augustine, City of God [1]

The Qur’an [1]

Medieval Philosophy: Ibn Tufayl, Hayy ibn Yaqzan (selections); Al-Ghazali, The Rescuer from Error; Thomas Aquinas, selections from St. Thomas on Politics and Ethics. (pp. 3-7 (“The Summa Against the Gentiles”), 14–29 (“On Kingship”), 30-38, 46-53, (“The Summa of Theology”)) [1] (found online in CC Reader)

Machiavelli, The Prince OR The Discourses [1]

New World: Sepulveda, Democrats Alter; Vitoria, On The American Indians (pp. 231-251, 264-65, 271-272, 277-291) [1]

Hillerbrand, Protestant Reformation [1]

Scientific Revolution, Politics, and Ethics: Descartes, Principles of Philosophy, introduction and preface; Correspondence of Descartes and Elisabeth (selections); Passions of the Soul, §§1-12, 17-27-31, 35-50, 151-156, 211-212 [1] (found online in CC Reader)

Hobbes, Leviathan [2]

Locke, Second Treatise [1]

Recommended Potential Additions:
Epictetus, Handbook (Hackett)

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Plato, Republic (Hackett)
Aristotle, Politics (Hackett)
New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (Oxford)
Augustine, City of God (Penguin)

The Qur'an, Abdel Haleem ed. (Oxford)
Machiavelli, The Prince (Hackett) OR
Machiavelli, The Discourses (Penguin)
Hillerbrand, The Protestant Reformation (Harper & Row)
Hobbes, Leviathan (Oxford)
Locke, Political Writings, Wootton, ed. (Hackett)
[18 Sessions]

Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality* and *Social Contract* [2]


Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* [1]

Smith, *Wealth of Nations* [1]

Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* [1]

Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* [1]

Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* and “Letter on Algeria” (selection) [1]

Mill, *On Liberty* [1]

Mill/Taylor, *Subject of Women*; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Address to the Legislature of New York”; Truth, “Ain’t I a Woman?” [1] (found online in CC Reader)

Marx, selections from the *Marx-Engels Reader* [1]

Darwin, selections from *Origin of Species* and *Descent of Man* [1]

Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* [2]


Gandhi, “On self-rule” (*Hind Swaraj*) [1] (found online in CC Reader)

Fanon, “On Violence” in *The Wretched of the Earth* [1]

Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* [1]

**Recommended Potential Additions:**

Hume, *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*; Newton, “Rules of Reasoning in Philosophy” (online)

Freud, *Freud Reader*
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CC POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL READINGs

Potential Thematic Arcs with Recommended Texts

Instructors are strongly encouraged to integrate any texts they add to the syllabus into major thematic arcs reinforced by accompanying texts.

Examples, including some fall semester antecedents, include:

**Providence and History**
- Stoics and Epicureans
- Hegel, *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*
- Wilson, Gould, Dawkins, *in Norton Darwin*

**Anatomizing Liberalism**
- Schmitt, *Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy*
- Arendt, *On Revolution*
- Rawls, “Justice as Fairness”
- MacKinnon, *Towards a Feminist Theory of State*

**Scrutinizing Gender**
- Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love*
- Christine Pizan, *The Book of the City of Ladies*
- Woolf, *Three Guineas*
- de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*
- Anzaldúa, “La Conciencia de la Mestiza: Toward a new Consciousness.”
- Butler, *Gender Trouble*

**Justice and Punishment**
- Hobbes, *Leviathan*, chapter 21
- Bentham, *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, chs. 12, 14, 15
- J.S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*
- Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*
- George Kateb, “Punishment and the Spirit of Democracy”
- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*

**Religion, Ethics, Politics**
- Søren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*
- Saba Mahmood, *Politics of Piety*

**Beyond the Human**
- Leopold, *A Sand Country Almanac*
- Carson, *Silent Spring*
- Singer, *Animal Liberation*

**Epistemology, Ethics and Politics**
- Al-Ghazali, *Incoherence of the Philosophers*
- Descartes, *Meditations*
- Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*
- Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*
- Haraway, “A Cyborg Manifesto”

**Rights of Refugees**
- Kant, *Perpetual Peace, Article Three*
- Charles R. Beitz, ‘Cosmopolitan Ideals and National Sentiment’ in the *Journal of Philosophy* 80, no. 10, 591-600.
- David Miller, “Immigrants: The Case for Limits” and “Selecting Immigrants”