CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION REQUIRED READING LIST
COCI 1101 FALL 2021

[20 sessions]
Plato, Republic (entire) [2 sessions minimum]
Optional: Baldwin, “A Talk to Teachers”

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics and Politics [2]


New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: Matthew (1-7 and 24-28); Romans (1-13); Galatians (entire) [1]

Augustine, City of God [1]

The Qur’an: 1, 3 (31-63), 12, 18, 96, 113, 114 [1]

Religion and Philosophy in the Middle Ages: Al-Farabi, The Perfect City-State (Chapters 15-18) (CC reader); Ibn Tufayl, Hayy ibn Yaqzan (CC reader); Ibn Rushd, Harmony of Religion and Philosophy (CC reader); Aquinas, Law, Morality and Politics (selections) [1]
Optional: Maimonides, Guide for the Perplexed, Al Gazhali, The Rescuer from Error

Optional: Christine de Pizan, The Book of the City of Ladies (Book I, 1-11)

Machiavelli, The Prince or The Discourses [1]

Conquest of the Americas: Columbus, “Letter of Columbus to Luis de Santangel”; Council of Castile, “El Requerimiento”; Vitoria, On the American Indians (questions 1 and 3); The Broken Spears. The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico ed. by Miguel Leon-Portilla (pp 3-36; 127-149); Garcilaso de la Vega, El Inca, Royal Commentaries of the Incas and General History of Peru; Codex Telleriano-Remensis. Fol. 46r (all found online in the CC Reader) [2]
Optional: Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala, “Appeal Concerning the Priests”

Luther, “Preface to Romans,” “Concerning Governmental Authority,” “The Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants,” “Friendly Admonition to Peace Concerning the Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants." (all found online in the CC Reader) [1]

Descartes, Discourse on Method or Meditations on First Philosophy [1]
Optional: The Correspondence between Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia and René Descartes.

Hobbes, Leviathan [2]

Locke, Second Treatise [1]

Rousseau, Discourse on Inequality and Social Contract [2]

TEXTS:
Plato, Republic (Hackett)
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (Oxford World’s Classics, trs. Ross)
Aristotle, Politics (Hackett)
New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (Oxford)
Augustine, City of God (Penguin)
The Qur’an, Abdel Haleem, ed. (Oxford World’s Classics)
Aquinas, Law, Morality and Politics (Hackett Classics)
Christine de Pizan, The Book of the Body Politic (Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought)
Machiavelli, The Prince (Oxford World’s Classics) OR
Machiavelli, The Discourses (Penguin)
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CC1102 SPRING 2022

[19 sessions]
Smith, Wealth of Nations [1]
Optional: Smith, Theory of Moral Sentiments; Hume, Inquiry Concerning Principles of Morals

Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals [1]
Optional: Kant, Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View

Optional: Bentham, The Panopticon. The Inspection-House

France: Declaration of 1789, De Gouges “Declaration”, Abbé Siéyès “What is the Third Estate?”
Haiti: Documents from the anthology established by Laurent Dubois and John Garrigus Slave Revolution in the Caribbean, 1789-1804 (Including the Constitution of 1801, the 1804 Declaration of independence and the Constitution of 1805) (all found online in the CC Reader) [2]
Optional: Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France; Bentham, “Anarchical Fallacies”

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

Tocqueville, Democracy in America; “Essay on Algeria” (found online in the CC Reader) [1]

Mill, On Liberty [1]

Abolition: David Walker, Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World; Frederick Douglass, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?”; Sojourner Truth, “Ain’t I a Woman?” (1851 and 1863 versions) (All found online in the CC reader) [1]
Optional: Maria Stewart, "Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality, the Sure Foundation on which We Must Build," and "An Address Delivered to the African Masonic Hall"; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Address to the Legislature of New York”

Marx, The Marx-Engels Reader [1]

Darwin, Descent of Man (chapters 4, 7, 20 and 21) (CC reader) [1]
Optional: Darwin, Origin of Species (Chapters 1, 3, 4, and 14)

Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals [1]

Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk, “Of the Culture of White Folk” (CC reader) [1]


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

Optional: Arendt “On Civil Disobedience”; “Truth and Politics”

Foucault, Discipline and Punish [1]
Race, Gender, and Sexuality: Barbara Fields “Slavery, Race, and Ideology”; Combahee River Collective, “A Black Feminist Statement”; Saadiya Hartman “Venus in Two Acts” and Lose your Mother (introduction) (all found online in the CC Reader) [1]

Climate and Futures: Dipesh Chakrabarty, “The Climate of History: Four Theses”; Kyle Powys Whyte, “Is it Colonial Déjà Vu? Indigenous Peoples and Climate Injustice” (all found online in the CC Reader) [1]
Optional: Carson, Silent Spring

TEXTS:
Smith, Wealth of Nations (Modern Library)
Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Cambridge)
Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (Oxford)
Tocqueville, Democracy in America (Penguin)
Mill, On Liberty, Utilitarianism, and Other Essays (Oxford)
The Marx-Engels Reader (Norton)
Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals / Ecce Homo (Vintage)
Ambedkar, Annihilation of Caste (Verso)
Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk (Oxford World’s Classics)
Arendt, Crisis of the Republic (Harvest)
Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth (Grove)
Foucault, Discipline and Punish (Vintage)