CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST 2014-15
REQUIRED CC READINGS--CC1101 FALL 2014

[18 Sessions]

Plato, Republic (complete) [2 sessions minimum]

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics and Politics [2]

Roman and Hellenistic Philosophy: Epicurus, “Letter to Herodotus”

Hebrew Bible: Exodus 1-24, Deuteronomy 1-6; Judges, 4-10; Ecclesiastes (entire) [1]

New Testament: Matthew (entire), Romans (entire), Galatians (entire) [1]

Augustine, City of God [1]

The Qur’an [1]

Medieval Philosophy: Al-Ghazali, The Rescuer from Error; Ibn Tufayl, Selections from Hayy ibn Yaqzan; Thomas Aquinas, selections from The Summa Against the Gentiles, "On Kingship," and selections from The Summa of Theology; [1]

Machiavelli, The Prince and The Discourses [2]

Protestant Reformation [1]

New World: Vitoria, On The American Indians; de las Casas, Apologetic History of the Indies and Thirty Very Juridical Propositions; de Sepulveda, Democrats alter; Or, On the Just Causes for War Against the Indians [1]

Descartes, Meditations OR Discourse on Method [1]

Hobbes, Leviathan [2]

Locke, Second Treatise [1]

Recommended Potential Additions:
Epictetus, Handbook (Hackett)
Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love (available on-line)

TEXTS

Plato, Republic (Hackett) Machiavelli, The Discourses (Penguin)
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (Oxford) Descartes, Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy (Hackett)
Aristotle, Politics (Hackett) The Protestant Reformation (Harper & Row)
Augustine, City of God (Penguin) The Meaning of the Holy Qur’an (Amana)
Machiavelli, The Prince (Hackett) Locke, Political Writings, Wootton, ed.

(Hackett) 978-08722067
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REQUIRED CC READINGS—CC1102 SPRING 2015

[18 Sessions]

Assignment over the break, to be discussed in first class of spring semester: Kant, "What is Enlightenment?" (on-line)

Hume, Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals; Newton, “Rules of Reasoning in Philosophy” [1]

Rousseau, Discourse on Inequality and Social Contract [2]

Smith, Wealth of Nations [1]

Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals [1]

Revolutions [2]

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

Tocqueville, Democracy in America [1]

Mill, On Liberty [1]

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]

Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk; “Souls of White Folk” [1]

Freud, selections from Freud Reader [1]


Woolf, Three Guineas [1]

TEXTS

Hume, An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals (Hackett)
Rousseau, The Basic Political Writings (Hackett)
Smith, Wealth of Nations (Modern Library)
Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Cambridge)
Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France (Oxford)
Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (Dover)
Tocqueville, Democracy in America (Penguin)
Mill, On Liberty and Other Essays (Oxford)

Marx-Engels Reader (Norton)
Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals / Ecce Homo (Vintage)
Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk (Dover)
Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth (Grove)
Gandhi, Selected Political Writings (Hackett)
Woolf, Three Guineas, Annotated Edition (Harcourt) 978-0156031639
Potential Thematic Arcs Using 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”
- Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*
- MacKinnon, *Towards a Feminist Theory of State*

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

**Inequalities Scrutinized**
- Engels, “The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State”
- de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*

**Epistemology, Ethics and Politics**
- Al-Ghazali, *Incoherence of the Philosophers*
- Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*
- Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*