

**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*, Exodus: 1-25 [1]

Optional: 1 Samuel: 8-10, 12-13, 15-20 and 2 Samuel: 7, 11, 13-15, 18-19, Ecclesiastes

*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*

Christine De Pizan, *The Book of the Body Politic* [1]

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)

Descartes, *Discourse on Method* (Oxford World's Classics) OR  
Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy* (Oxford World's Classics)  
Hobbes, *Leviathan* (the Norton Library, ed. by Hoekstra and Johnston)  
Locke, *Political Writings*, Wootton, ed. (Hackett)  
Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (Hackett)

## CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION REQUIRED READING LIST 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*

Bentham, *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation* [chapter 1: Of the Principle of Utility] (CC reader)  
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Optional: Bentham, *The Panopticon. The Inspection-House*

Revolutions and Rights: US: Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, Paine, *Common Sense*.

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]

Optional: Mill, "On the Negro Question"; *On Utilitarianism*

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]

Anticolonialism: Gandhi, "On self-rule" (Hind Swaraj) (found online in CC Reader), Ambedkar "Annihilation of Caste" [1]

Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, "On Violence" [1]

Arendt, "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]

Optional: Hortense Spillers, “Mama’s Baby, Papa’s Maybe”; Sylvia Wynter, “No Humans Involved. An open letter to my colleagues”; Charles Mills, *Racial Contract*

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)