CONTTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST
COCI 1101, FALL 2023

REQUIRED TEXTS

Plato, Republic (Hackett, tr. Grube)
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (Oxford, tr. Ross)
Aristotle, Politics (Hackett, tr. Reeve)
The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (Oxford, ed. Coogan)
Augustine, City of God (Penguin, tr. Bettenson)
The Qur'an (Oxford, tr. Haleem)
Aquinas, Law, Morality, and Politics (Hackett, tr. Regan)
Christine de Pizan, The Book of the Body Politic (Cambridge, tr. Langdon Forhan)
Machiavelli EITHER The Prince (Oxford, tr. Bondanella)
              OR The Discourses (Penguin, tr. Walker)
Descartes EITHER A Discourse on the Method (Oxford, tr. Maclean)
              OR Meditations on First Philosophy (Oxford, tr. Moriarty)
Locke, Political Writings (Hackett, ed. Wootton)
Rousseau, The Basic Political Writings (Hackett, tr. Cress)

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REQUIRED READINGS (20 out of 26 sessions)

Plato, Republic [2 sessions minimum]
Optional: Baldwin, “A Talk to Teachers” *

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics and Politics [2]

Exodus (1-25), in The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha [1]
Optional: 1 Samuel (8-10, 12-13, 15-20) and 2 Samuel (7, 11, 13-15, 18-19), Ecclesiastes

Matthew (1-7, 24-28), Romans (1-13), and Galatians, in The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha [1]

Augustine, City of God [1]

The Qur'an (1, 3 [pp. 31-63], 12, 18, 96, 113, 114) [1]

Religion and Philosophy in the Middle Ages [1]
  • Al-Farabi, On the Perfect City-State (chs. 15-18) *
  • Ibn Tufayl, “The Story of Hayy ibn Yaqzan” *
  • Ibn Rushd, “On the Harmony of Religion and Philosophy” *
  • Aquinas, Law, Morality and Politics (selections)
  • Optional: Maimonides, The Guide of the Perplexed *
  • Optional: 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, chs. 1-11)

Machiavelli, EITHER *The Prince* OR *The Discourses* [1]

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

Luther [1]
- “Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans” *
- “Concerning Governmental Authority” *
- “The Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants” *
- “Friendly Admonition to Peace Concerning the Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants” *

Descartes, EITHER *A Discourse on the Method* OR *Meditations on First Philosophy* [1]
Optional: Shapiro, ed., *The Correspondence between Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia and René Descartes* *


Locke, *The Second Treatise of Government in Political Writings* (pp.261-387) [1]

Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality among Men* and *On the Social Contract* in *The Basic Political Writings* (pp. 27-92, 153-252) [2]

**CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST**
**COCI 1102, SPRING 2024**

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (Cambridge, tr. Gregor and Timmermann)
The Marx-Engels Reader (Norton, ed. Tucker)
Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* and *Ecce Homo* (Vintage, ed. Kaufmann)
Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth* (Grove, tr. Philcox)
Arendt, *Crises of the Republic* (Harvest)
Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* (Vintage, tr. Sheridan)
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REQUIRED READINGS (19 out of 28 sessions)

Optional: Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments *
Optional: Hume, An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals

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

Optional: Bentham, Panopticon; or The Inspection-House

Revolutions and Rights [2]
- The United States
  - “Declaration of Independence” *
  - “The Bill of Rights” *
  - Paine, Common Sense *
- France
  - “The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, 1789” *
  - De Gouges, “Declaration of the Rights of Woman” *
  - Siyès, “What is the Third Estate?” *
- Haiti
  - “Haitian Constitution of 1801” *
  - “The Haitian Declaration of independence, 1804” *
  - “The 1805 Constitution of Haiti” *
- Optional: Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France
- Optional: Bentham, “Anarchical Fallacies” *

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

Tocqueville [1]
- Democracy in America
- “Essay on Algeria” *

Mill, “On Liberty,” in On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays (pp. 5-112) [1]
Optional: Mill, “Utilitarianism,” in On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays (pp. 113-77)

Abolition [1]
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) *
Optional: Maria Stewart, "Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality"
Optional: Maria Stewart, "An Address Delivered to the African Masonic Hall"
Optional: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Address to the Legislature of New York” *
The Marx-Engels Reader [1]

Darwin, Descent of Man (chs. 4, 7, 20 and 21) [1] *
Optional: Darwin, Origin of Species (chs. 1, 3, 4, and 14)

Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals [1]

Du Bois [1]
- The Souls of Black Folk
- “Of the Culture of White Folk” *

Anticolonialism [1]
- Gandhi, “Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule” *
- Ambedkar Annihilation of Caste

Fanon, “On Violence,” in The Wretched of the Earth (pp. 1-62) [1]

Arendt, “On Violence,” in Crises of the Republic (pp. 103-98) [1]
Optional: Arendt, “Civil Disobedience,” in Crises of the Republic (pp. 49-102)
Optional: Arendt, “Truth and Politics” *

Foucault, Discipline and Punish [1]

Race, Gender, and Sexuality [1]
- Barbara Fields “Slavery, Race, and Ideology in the United States of American” *
- Combahee River Collective, “A Black Feminist Statement” *
- Saidiya Hartman “Venus in Two Acts” *
- Saidiya Hartman, Lose your Mother (prologue) *
- Optional: Charles Mills, The Racial Contract

Climate and Futures [1]
- Dipesh Chakrabarty, “The Climate of History: Four Theses” *
- Kyle Powys Whyte, “Is It Colonial Dējā Vu? Indigenous Peoples and Climate Injustice” *
- Optional: Carson, Silent Spring