CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION REQUIRED READING LIST
COCI 1101 FALL 2020

[19 sessions]

Race and Justice: David Walker, *Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World* (1829); Frederick Douglass, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” (1852) and “Extracts from a Lecture before Various Anti-Slavery Bodies in the Winter of 1855” (1855); Martin Luther King, “Letter from Birmingham Jail” (1963); James Baldwin “A Talk to Teachers” (1963); Angela Davis, “Political Prisoners, Prisons and Black Liberation” (1971) (all found online in the CC Reader) [1]

Plato, *Republic* (entire) [2 sessions minimum]

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics and Politics* [2]

*New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha*, Exodus 1-24; Deuteronomy 1-6; 1 Samuel 2, 8-10, 17-20; Ecclesiastes [1]

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

Augustine, *City of God* [1]

*The Qur’an* [1]


Machiavelli, *The Prince or The Discourses* [1]


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]

Scientific Revolution: Descartes, Introduction and Preface to *The Principles of Philosophy* (French version) (found online in CC Reader); Descartes, *Discourse on Method or Meditations on First Philosophy* [1]


Locke, *Second Treatise* [1]


**TEXTS**

Plato, *Republic* (Hackett)


Aristotle, *Politics* (Oxford World’s Classics)

*New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha* (Oxford)

Augustine, *City of God* (Penguin)


Descartes, *Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy* (Broadview Press)


Locke, *Political Writings*, Wootton, ed. (Hackett)

Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (Hackett)
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[17 Sessions]
Smith, Theory of Moral Sentiments, PART I sections 1-3 (pp. 11-77), PART II section 1 (pp. 78-90), PART III chapters 1-2 (pp. 128-155) and chap 3 sections 1-25 (pp.155-170), PART IV chapter 1 (pp. 209-218), PART VI section 3 (pp. 279-309) (found online on CC Reader) [1]

Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals [1]

Smith, Wealth of Nations [1]


Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France [1]

Early Feminists: Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman; Olympe de Gouges, Declaration of the Rights of Woman; Harriet Taylor Mill, The Enfranchisement of Women; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, “Address to the Legislature of New York”; Sojourner Truth, “Ain’t I a Woman?” (1851 and 1863 versions) (latter 4 found online in the CC Reader) [1]

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

Mill, On Liberty [1]

Marx, The Marx-Engels Reader [1]

Darwin, “Origin of Species” and “Descent of Man” [1]

Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals [1]


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

Totalitarianism: Arendt, Origins of Totalitarianism, Part Three; Schmitt, The Concept of the Political [1]

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

Foucault, Discipline and Punish [1]

Liberalism and Difference: Catharine MacKinnon, “Difference and Dominance: On Sex Discrimination” (chapter 2 of Feminism Unmodified); Kimmerle Crenshaw, “Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence against Women of Color” (both found online in CC Reader); Patricia J. Williams, Seeing a Color-Blind Future: The Paradox of Race [1]

Recommended Potential Additions:
Hegel, on “Lordship and Bondage” in The Phenomenology of Spirit and Introduction of the Philosophy of History
Freud, Freud Reader

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Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Cambridge)
Smith, Wealth of Nations (Modern Library)
Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France (Oxford)
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)
Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk (Oxford World’s Classics)
Arendt, The Origins of Totalitarianism (Harvest)
Schmitt, The Concept of the Political (Chicago)
Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth (Grove)
Foucault, Discipline and Punish (Vintage)
Patricia J. Williams, Seeing a Color-Blind Future (Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux)