

# Course Syllabus

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## Political Science 394: Political Ideas that Changed the World

**Course Description:** During certain periods, political ideas undergo significant changes. At other times, political ideas provoke change. Focus is on how political ideas reflect their social and historical context as well as how new political ideas have generated conflicts within societies. Particular emphasis will be on concepts formative to the U.S. political system such as democracy, rights, and pluralism.

**Credits:** 3

### Instructor Information

**Instructor:** Brad Martins

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### Expected Instructor Response Times

For simple issues (e.g., assignment clarifications, due dates, scheduling meetings), I will attempt to respond to student emails within one business day. During busy parts of the semester such as around midterm exams or during registration it may take me slightly longer. If you have a question that requires a lengthy answer, I may request that you speak with me (in-person or electronically). You are always welcome to ask questions at the beginning or end of class periods as well.

### Textbook & Course Materials

**Required Text:** Available through UWSP Text Rental.

Morgan, Michael L. (editor). 2011. *Classics of Moral and Political Theory, 5th ed.* Hackett Publishing.

ISBN: 978-1-60384-442-0

**Other Materials:** All other materials will be provided through Canvas.

## Course Learning Outcomes

Students will ...

- explain how a plurality of ideas shape political disagreements.
- employ interpretive skills to analyze arguments.
- apply social scientific concepts to explain political behavior.

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Module	
1	09.06 - 09.09	Morality and Politics	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> (Ch. 3, 6-8)
2	09.12 - 09.16	Morality and Politics	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> (Ch. 15-18, 25)
3	09.19 - 09.23	Morality and Politics	Goldwater, "Conscience of a Conservative" and Kirk, "Ten Conservative Principles"
4	09.26 - 09.30	Morality and Politics	Haidt, <i>The Righteous Mind</i> (p. 150-179) <b>Video:</b> Haidt, "The Moral Roots of Liberals and Conservatives"
5	10.03 - 10.07	Representing Popular Will	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (p. 579-80; 593-4; 609-612)
6	10.10 - 10.14	Representing Popular Will	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (p. 633-39; 648-52)
7	10.17 - 10.21	Representing Popular Will	Rousseau, <i>On the Social Contract</i> (p. 882-9; 891-902)
8	10.24 - 10.28	Representing Popular Will	Achens and Bartel, <i>Democracy for Realists</i> (p. 21-51)
9	10.31 - 11.04	<b>Written Assessment</b>	<b>Video:</b> <i>Children of Men</i> (2006)
10	11.07 - 11.11	Plural Civil Society	Locke, "Letter Concerning Toleration" (p. 778-80; 787-9; 792-5)
11	11.14 - 11.18	Plural Civil Society	Locke, <i>Second Treatise of Government</i> (p. 713-25; 732-46; 764-7)
12	11.21 - 11.23	Plural Civil Society	Madison, <i>Federalist</i> , "No. 10"

			Lincoln, " <a href="https://quod.lib.umich.edu/j/jala/2629860.0006.103/--perpetuation-of-our-political-institutions-address?rgn=main;view=fulltext">The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions</a> ( <a href="https://quod.lib.umich.edu/j/jala/2629860.0006.103/--perpetuation-of-our-political-institutions-address?rgn=main;view=fulltext">https://quod.lib.umich.edu/j/jala/2629860.0006.103/--perpetuation-of-our-political-institutions-address?rgn=main;view=fulltext</a> )"
13	11.28 - 12.02	Plural Civil Society	Hetherington and Rudolph, <i>Why Washington Won't Work</i> (p. 72-96)
14	12.05 - 12.09	Individual Freedom	Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> (p. 1017-1022)
15	12.12 - 12.16	Individual Freedom	Friedman, <i>Capitalism and Freedom</i> (p. 7-21)
16	12.19 2:45 - 4:45pm	Final Exam Period	<b>Written Assessment</b>

## Grading Policy

Assignment	Quantity	Points per Assignment	Subtotal
Discussion	25	8	200
Written Assessments	2	250	500
		<b>Total</b>	700

<b>A</b>	700-651	<b>B+</b>	630-611	<b>C+</b>	560-541	<b>D+</b>	490-456
<b>A-</b>	650-631	<b>B</b>	610-581	<b>C</b>	540-511	<b>D</b>	455-421
		<b>B-</b>	580-561	<b>C-</b>	510-491	<b>F</b>	420-0

## Student Expectations

In this course you will be expected to complete the following types of tasks.

- communicate via email
- complete basic internet searches
- download and upload documents to the learning management software (Canvas)
- read documents online

- view online videos
- participate in online discussions
- complete quizzes/tests online
- upload documents to Canvas to submit an assignment
- participate in synchronous online discussions

## Complete Assignments

**All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through Canvas unless otherwise instructed.** Assignments must be submitted by the given deadline or special permission must be requested from instructor *before the due date*. Extensions will not be given beyond the next assignment except under extreme circumstances.

All discussion assignments must be completed by the assignment due date and time. Late or missing discussion assignments will affect the student's grade.

## Late Work Policy

Pay close attention to deadlines—there will be no make-up assignments or quizzes, or late work accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval.

## Technology

### Protecting your Data and Privacy

UW-System approved tools meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. For a list of approved tools, visit this website. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/external-application-integration-requests/> (<https://www.wisconsin.edu/dle/external-application-integration-requests/>).

Tools not listed on the website linked above may not meet security, privacy, and data protection standards. If you have questions about tools, contact the UWSP IT Service Desk at 715-346-4357.





Here are steps you can take to protect your data and privacy.

- Use different usernames and passwords for each service you use.
- Do not use your UWSP username and password for any other services.
- Use secure versions of websites whenever possible (HTTPS instead of HTTP).
- Have updated antivirus software installed on your devices.

## Course Technology Requirements

- View this website to see [minimum recommended computer and internet configurations for Canvas \(https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10721\)](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10721).
- You will also need access to the following tools to participate in this course.
  - webcam
  - microphone
  - printer
  - a stable internet connection (don't rely on cellular)

## Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
	 <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277771">Participation</a> <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277771">(https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277771)</a>	
	 <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5335799">Roll Call Attendance</a> <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5335799">(https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5335799)</a>	
	 <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277673">Written Assessment 1</a> <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277673">(https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277673)</a>	
	 <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277682">Written Assessment 2</a> <a href="https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277682">(https://uwstp.instructure.com/courses/524071/assignments/5277682)</a>	