

<b>POLI 326 (L01) Western Political Thought I: Ancient</b>	
Pre/Co-Requisites/Anti-Requisites	Credit for POLI326 & POLI310 will not be allowed
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course explores provides an introduction to Western political thought's origins with a focus on two foundational ancient thinkers: Aristotle and Plato.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate their understanding of ancient texts, engage with the arguments contained within, and providing their own well supported interpretations. Students should be able to analyse and evaluate ancient texts in respect to their enduring themes and tensions.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S)**

The following textbooks are required:

1. Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (Trans. Joe Sachs) (Newburyport, MA: Focus Publishing, R. Pullins Company, 2002)
2. Aristotle, *Politics* (Oxford World's Classics) (trans. Ernest Barker) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009)
3. Plato, *Four Texts on Socrates: Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito and Aristophanes' Clouds* (Trans. Thomas G. West & Grace Starry West) (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998)

### **COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND DUE DATES**

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
<b>Take Home Test 1 (Plato)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>July 8<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>
<b>Take Home Test 2 (Plato &amp; Aristotle)</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup> by 11:59pm</b>
<b>Interpretive Paper 1 (Plato)</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>July 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>
<b>Interpretive Paper 2 (Plato &amp; Aristotle)</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>Aug 4<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>
Total	100%	

*If a student misses a required course component, please get in touch the instructor as soon as possible.*

**COURSE SCHEDULE & TOPICS**

Full reading schedule with page numbers will be posted to D2L prior to the first week of class.

DATE	READINGS
<b><u>Part I: Plato</u></b>	
<b>Week 1</b> (June 26, 28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Introduction</li> <li>• <i>Plato's Euthyphro</i></li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b> (July 5)  *No classes July 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Plato's Euthyphro</i></li> </ul>
<b>Take Home Quiz 1 (Plato) Due July 8<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>	
<b>Week 3</b> (July 10, 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Plato's Apology</i></li> <li>• Saxonhouse, Arlene. "Xanthippe: Shrew or Muse", in Forestal, J., &amp; Philips, M. (Eds.). (2020). <i>The Wives of Western Philosophy: Gender Politics in Intellectual Labor</i>. Routledge.</li> </ul>
<b><u>PART II: Aristotle</u></b>	
<b>Interpretive Paper 1 (Plato) Due July 14<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>	
<b>Week 4</b> (July 17, 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selections from Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i></li> </ul>
<b>Take Home Quiz 2 (Plato &amp; Aristotle) Due July 22<sup>nd</sup> by 11:59pm</b>	
<b>Week 5</b> (July 24, 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selections from Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i></li> <li>• Selections from Aristotle's <i>Politics</i></li> </ul>
<b>Week 6</b> (July 31, Aug 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selections from Aristotle's <i>Politics</i></li> </ul>
<b>Interpretive Paper 2 (Plato &amp; Aristotle) Due Aug 4<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm</b>	

Please note that the above schedule is tentative and may change as the need arises.

**TESTS**

There will be two tests administered through the online D2L platform to be completed **individually**. Tests are open book – they will draw on course materials (lectures, assigned readings) and students may use only these materials for the exam. Tests will consist of multiple choice and/or short answer questions.

Tests will be available during the following date ranges. Once initiated, students will have up to one hour to submit their test.

1. Take Home Test 1 (Plato): Available from July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm until **July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm**
2. Take Home Test 2 (Plato and Aristotle): Available from July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm until **July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59pm**

Late policy: No late quizzes will be accepted.

**INTERPRETIVE PAPER 1 (PLATO)**

Students will complete an interpretive paper on Plato. Students will select from a list of questions posted to D2L. Full instructions will be posted to D2L.

Late policy: A late penalty of -2% per day including weekends will be applied to papers unless you have spoken to me about an extension or circumstances that require accommodations. Upon extension approval, students must submit the extension form posted on D2L.

**INTERPRETIVE PAPER 2 (PLATO AND ARISTOTLE PAPER)**

Students will complete an interpretive paper comparing Plato and Aristotle. Students will select from a list of questions posted to D2L. Full instructions will be posted to D2L.

Late policy: A late penalty of -2% per day including weekends will be applied to papers unless you have spoken to me about an extension or circumstances that require accommodations. Upon extension approval, students must submit the extension form posted on D2L.

**PARTICIPATION**

Students will be assessed on their participation in class discussions, activities and workshops.

**WRITING STATEMENT**

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre by contacting them at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

**GRADING SCALE:** The following grading scale will be used:

A+ (91-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (67-69)	D+ (55-59)
A (85-90)	B (73-76)	C (63-66)	D (50-54)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (60-62)	F (0-49)

## **IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

### **Absence From a Mid-term Examination**

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

**Deferred Term Work Form:** Deferral of term work past the end of a term requires a form to be filled out by the student and submitted, along with any supporting documentation, to the instructor. The form is available at: [https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/14/P22\\_deferral-of-term-work\\_lapseGrade.pdf](https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/14/P22_deferral-of-term-work_lapseGrade.pdf)

Once an extension date has been agreed between instructor and student, the instructor will email the form to the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre ([ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca)) for approval by the Associate Dean.

### **Deferral of a Final Examination**

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

### **Reappraisal of Grades:**

*For Reappraisal of Graded Term Work, see Calendar I.2*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

*For Reappraisal of Final Grade, see Calendar I.3*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

### **Academic Misconduct:**

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior that compromises proper assessment of students' academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, Procedure and Academic Integrity, please visit: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html>

### **Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct**

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously

and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

**Recording of Lectures:**

Recording of lectures is prohibited, except for audio recordings authorized as an accommodation by SAS or an audio recording for individual private study and only with the written permission of the instructor. Any unauthorized electronic or mechanical recording of lectures, their transcription, copying, or distribution, constitutes academic misconduct. See <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-6.html>.

**Academic Accommodations:**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-accommodation-policy>

**Research Ethics**

Students are advised that any research with human subjects – including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation – must have the approval of the Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subject research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

**Instructor Intellectual Property**

Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:**

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. Assignments can only be returned to the student and will be accessible only to authorized faculty and staff. For more information, see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/access-information-privacy>

**Copyright Legislation:**

See the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy> Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

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### **Evacuation Assembly Points**

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points> and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

### **Important Dates:**

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580, or email them at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate>, which has detailed information on common academic concerns, including program planning and advice.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Tower.

### **Important Contact Information**

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)  
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives  
Phone: 403-220-6551  
Email: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca),  
[arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)  
Students' Union URL: [www.su.ucalgary.ca](http://www.su.ucalgary.ca)

Graduate Students' Association  
Phone: 403-220-5997  
Email: [askgsa@ucalgary.ca](mailto:askgsa@ucalgary.ca)  
URL: [www.ucalgary.ca/gsa](http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa)

Student Ombudsman  
Phone: 403-220-6420  
Email: [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca)

### **Campus Mental Health Resources**

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the following resources:

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*SU Wellness Centre:* <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

*Student Wellness Services:*

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellness-services/services/mental-health-services>

*Campus Mental Health Strategy website:* <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>.