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**Course Information**

<b>Year</b>	2020	<b>School</b>	School of International Liberal Studies	
<b>Course Title</b>	Ancient Political Thought 01			
<b>Instructor</b>	SEUL, Timothy			
<b>Term/Day/Period</b>	spring semester 01:Wed.3/02:Thur.3			
<b>Category</b>	Advanced Subjects	<b>Eligible Year</b>	3rd year and above	<b>Credits</b> 4
<b>Classroom</b>	01:11-606/02:11-709	<b>Campus</b>	waseda	
<b>Course Key</b>	210GO41300	<b>Course Class Code</b>	01	
<b>Main Language</b>	English			
<b>Course Code</b>	POLX362L			
<b>First Academic disciplines</b>	Political Science			
<b>Second Academic disciplines</b>	Political Science			
<b>Third Academic disciplines</b>	Political History			
<b>Level</b>	Advanced, practical and specialized	<b>Types of lesson</b>	Lecture	

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**Course Outline** This course is an exploration of the political/philosophical thoughts of some of the seminal thinkers throughout ancient western civilization. We will take a traditional walk through their writings in order to gain insight into the connections between each thinker and to more fully understand how they influenced each other and the nature of political and philosophical discourses. The use of irony, however, will also allow us to get beyond a rigid structuralism that

instills in us obedience to the texts; in other words, we will also consider each thinker independently of his/her environment. Finally, our journey will always work towards relevancy to our daily lives and to current events. Because of this, eastern philosophical/religious traditions will serve as a background upon which we will consider various ideas.

**Objectives** To develop in students the ability to think critically about political philosophy.

**Course Schedule** The following topics, among others, will be covered in this course.

- 1.The Role of Government
- 2.Citizens/Individuals and Society
- 3.Justice and the Law
- 4.Human Nature
- 5.The Good Life
- 6.The Human Condition
- 7.Power

Some of the thinkers we will examine include:

Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aqjunas

The following outline is tentative, and will most likely change based on how student interest shapes the direction of the course.

[Weeks 1-4] Introductory Comments: Political Theory Examined; Pre-Socratics

[Weeks 5-8] Socrates/Plato

[Weeks 9-12] Aristotle

[Weeks 13-15] Augustine to Aquinas

**Textbooks** Plato's Republic

Aristotle's Politics

To be decided

**Evaluation**

**Rate**

**Evaluation Criteria**

Exam: 40% Critical Paper

Papers: 45% Critical Paper

Class Participation: 15% Attendance and Participation

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