REQUIRED BOOKS:
Note: these specific editions are required for purchase.
(1) *The Oresteia*, trans., Lattimore (Chicago: ISBN 0226307786)

COURSE OVERVIEW AND GOALS:
This course engages five seminal texts of classical political thought and a small selection of modern scholarship from different schools of interpretation. The course is designed to prepare students to teach these texts and to participate in the ongoing scholarly debates about the political-philosophical issues they raise. Our class time will consist of weekly student presentations and professor-guided discussions. Good class discussions are, of course, an extremely demanding art form. Students will thus be expected to arrive well prepared for each class as we do our best to cultivate the virtues which philosophical conversation demands. Grades will be based on attendance, participation, two short papers and a final paper.

GRADE SCALE:
Your grade will be calculated according to the following scale:

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Participation: 15%
Paper 1 (6-8 pages): 25%
Paper 2 (6-8 pages): 25%
Final Paper (20 pages): 35%
Week 1. Course Introduction

PART I: AESCHYLUS' ORESTEIA

Week 2. Aeschylus’ Oresteia

K. J. Dover, “The Political Aspect of Aeschylus's Eumenides”

Suggested Reading:


PART II: SOCRATES AND ATHENS

4. Aristophanes’ Clouds; Plato’s Apology


Suggested Reading


5. Plato’s Crito


Suggested Reading


PART III: PLATO’S REPUBLIC

6. Plato’s Republic I


Suggested Reading


7. Plato’s Republic II


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8. Plato’s Republic III

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9. Plato’s Republic IV


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10. Plato’s Republic V


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11. Plato’s Republic VI

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**12. Plato’s Republic VII**


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**13. Plato’s Republic VIII**


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14. Plato’s Republic IX


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15. Plato’s Republic X


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