

POLS Y383-American Political Ideas I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the ideas, texts and actions informing the American political tradition from the colonial era through the Civil War. This is a reading intensive course designed to engage students in a discussion of the profound issues shaping the American political experiment.

COURSE TEXTS AND READINGS

Democracy in America,

Alexis de Tocqueville

The Federalist,

Hamilton, Madison and Jay

In addition students are expected to read all the assigned readings listed on the course reading schedule. The readings are available online and are linked on the course syllabus on Professor Bartky's website.

<http://www.ipfw.edu/pols/SYLLABI/bartky/homepage.htm>

The readings may also be found on reserve in the Helmke Library.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Regular Attendance is required

Since a large share of each test is based on class lectures you must attend class in order to do well on the tests. If you need to leave class early inform me prior to the beginning of class. *The use of computers is not permitted in this course except under special circumstances requiring prior approval. Cell phones must be turned off or put on a silent mode.*

Reading Assignments

Follow the reading assignments on the course syllabus "Course Reading and Lecture Schedule." Your understanding of the lectures and performance on the tests will benefit by your having read the materials prior to attending class. It is especially important that you are able to integrate the reading material with the course lectures.

Exams

There are two exams. Each exam will count for 30% of the final grade. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions that indicate your progress integrating and comprehending course readings, lectures, and discussions.

Papers

Two 8-10 page papers each worth 20% of the grade.

A Note on Academic Honesty:

Students should familiarize themselves with and abide by the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. Students who violate the Code through cheating, plagiarism or other misconduct, or who assist others in engaging in prohibited conduct, will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

COURSE READING AND LECTURE SCHEDULE: Required readings are marked with an asterisk *

1. August 24: Introduction:

2. August 26: Puritan Orthodoxy

* de Tocqueville, *Democracy on America*, Vol. I, Ch. II: Origin Of The Anglo-Americans, And Its Importance In Relation To Their Future Condition <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/etcbin/toccer-reldem?id=TocDem1.sgm&images=images/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed&tag=public&part=3&division=div>

- *Mayflower Compact <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/amerdoc/mayflower.htm>
- *A Model of Christian Charity, John Winthrop http://www.winthropsociety.org/doc_charity.php
- *On Liberty, John Winthrop <http://www.constitution.org/bcp/winthlib.htm>
- *Letter to Lord Say and Sele, John Cotton <http://www.skidmore.edu/~tkuroda/hi321/LordSay&Sele.htm>

3. August 31: Puritan Orthodoxy- continued

- *Fundamental Orders of Connecticut <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/order.htm>
- *Fundamental Agreement, or Original Constitution of the Colony of New Haven, June 4, 1639 <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/states/ct01.htm>
- *Massachusetts Body of Liberties <http://www.winthropsociety.org/liberties.php>
- *The Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England; May 19, 1643 <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/art1613.htm>

3. September 2: Puritans-The Challenge to Orthodoxy

- *Excerpt from the trial of Anne Hutchinson
<http://personal.pitnet.net/primarysources/hutchinson.html>
- *From The Bloody Tenent, Of Persecution for Cause of Conscience (1644) Roger Williams
http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/amendI_religions4.html

4. September 7: Puritans-The Challenge to Orthodoxy-continued

- *From Cotton Mather and the Salem Witchcraft Trials
<http://wyllie.lib.virginia.edu:8086/perl/toccer-new?id=Bur4Nar.sgm&images=images/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed&tag=public&par>
- On the Trials see <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/>

4. September 9 From Puritanism to Liberalism

- * Cotton Mather, Excerpts from *BONIFACIUS: On Doing Good*
http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~phall/1.8_bonifacius.html
- * John Locke, *A letter Concerning Toleration*
http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/amendI_religions10.html