

Y490 Senior Seminar: Hobbes (Wednesday 1:30-4:15 p.m.)
Spring Semester 1998
Instructor: Downs

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Texts: Hobbes, *Leviathan*
Hobbes, *De Homine*
Hobbes, *De Cive*

Requirements:

In this senior seminar each student will

1. write a research on an aspect of Hobbes's political theory
2. write critiques on the papers written by other students
3. lead one discussion on another student's paper
4. participate in class discussion of the texts

The work of the semester is arranged as follows: **14 January-18 February**

1. Introduction to the course
2. England in the 16th and 17th centuries
3. Social Contract Thought in general
4. Hobbes's life and career
5. Major works by Hobbes and about Hobbes

Leviathan
De Homine
De Cive

During this period each student will prepare answers to questions asked about texts from Hobbes's writings. These answers will be discussed in class.

25 February - 15 April

Although the class will not meet during this period, students will meet with the instructor each week as they research and write their papers. The papers will be due on 15 April.

22, 29 April

Papers will be discussed in class. Students will submit critiques on the day the paper is scheduled. Students will be assigned to lead these discussions.

Attendance is required; due dates must be met; appointments must be made and kept.

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