

Classics of Social and Political Thought, III

Social Sciences (SOSC) 15300 - Section 14

University of Chicago

Spring Quarter 2008

Course Meetings:

M/W, 3:00p- 4:20p

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Course Requirements:

- (1) Two papers, each of 1250–1500 words (approx. 5–6 pages), due April 21 and May 12;
- (2) A final paper of 2000–2500 words (approx. 8–10 pages), due June 11;
- (3) Regular class attendance and participation. Each class meeting will begin by setting a group agenda on the board. As such, are you required to come to each class with a *typed* reading question in advance to contribute get us started each meeting. Be prepared to present your question at the beginning of class and turn in the question at the end of each session.

PAPERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL. It is your responsibility to ensure that I have a *hard copy* of your paper by the deadline. Since all deadlines are established in advance, it is up to you to plan accordingly so that you can turn in your work on time.

Late Paper Policy: Except in documented cases of illness or emergency, late papers will be penalized a full letter grade per day (e.g. a B+ becomes a C+). However, each student may, at his or her discretion, take a 24-hour extension for *one* of the papers, no questions asked (If you are using your extension please indicate this on the first page of your paper). Should you find yourself in the position that you have to turn in work late, stay in touch with me! I don't really care *why* your work is late (we're all adults here), but you are always better off keeping me posted on what is going on.

Grades: First paper 20%; second paper 30%; final paper 35%; attendance and participation 15%. *Any student who receives a failing grade for attendance and participation will receive a failing grade for the class.*

Plagiarism: If you, even for a moment, think that you need to plagiarize, please come see me. If you think you can get away with it, you are wrong. *Proven plagiarism of any kind may result in automatic failure of the course, and will be referred to the University for further disciplinary action.*

Required Texts:

These texts will all be available for purchase from the Seminary Co-Op Bookstore. *Please use these editions of the texts*, so that we are all literally on the same page during class.

You will be *expected* to come to class with the text in hand.

- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, eds. Mayer and Lawrence (Harper)
- John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*, ed. Gray (Oxford World's Classics)
- Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, 2nd ed., ed. Tucker (Norton)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, eds. Clark and Swenson (Hackett)
- Max Weber, *The Vocation Lectures*, eds. Owen and Strong (Hackett)
- W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folks*, eds. Blight & Gooding-Williams (Bedford)

Reading Schedule:

[numbers in brackets indicate approx. total number of pages per session]

- 1.1. Mon, March 31: Introduction (no reading assignment).
- 1.2. Wed, April 2: Tocqueville, pp. xiii-xiv; 9-20; 31-49; 50-70. [54]
- 2.1. Mon, April 7: Tocqueville, pp. 173-208; 220-245; 246-315. [129]
- 2.2. Wed, April 9: Tocqueville, pp. 316-363; 395-400. [54]
- 3.1. Mon, April 14: Tocqueville, pp. 417-418; 429-436; 503-513; 555-558; 665-705. [66]
- 3.2. Wed, April 16: Mill, *On Liberty*, chaps. 1-2, pp. 5-61. [57]

Monday, April 21: First Paper Due at Noon

- 4.1. Mon, April 21: Mill, *On Liberty*, chap. 3, pp. 62-82. [21]
- 4.2. Wed, April 23: Mill, *On Liberty*, chaps. 4-5, pp. 83-128. [46]
- 5.1. Mon, April 28: Marx, "On the Jewish Question," pp. 26-52. [27]
- 5.2. Wed, April 30: Marx, "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts," pp. 66-105. [40]
- 6.1. Mon, May 5: Marx, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," pp. 469-500. [32]
- 6.2. Wed, May 7: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Pref. & First Essay, pp. 1-33. [33]

Monday, May 12: Second paper due at Noon

- 7.1. Mon, May 12: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Second Essay, pp. 35-66. [32]
- 7.2. Wed, May 14: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Third Essay, pp. 67-118. [32]
- 8.1. Mon, May 19: Weber, "Science as a Vocation," pp. 1-31. [31]
- 8.2. Wed, May 21: Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," pp. 32-94. [63]
- 9.1. Mon, May 26: MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASS
- 9.2. Wed, May 28: Du Bois, *Souls of Black Folks*, Fore., chaps. 1, 3-6, pp. 34-44, 62-102. [41]
- 10.1. Mon, June 2: Du Bois, *Souls of Black Folks*, chapters 9-14, pp. 133-195. [63]
- 10.2. Wed, June 4: Simone de Beauvoir, Introduction to *The Second Sex* (e-reserve). [20]

Wednesday, June 11: Third Paper Due at Noon