



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Foundations of Political Thought B: From Rome to the Conquest of America - 56112

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course provides an introduction to political philosophy from the Roman Republic to the Conquest of America, with an emphasis on Medieval political philosophy.

Course/Module aims:

To help understand how modern theories of rights, property, personal and political freedom developed from medieval ideas.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Be conversant with the main ideas, concepts and historical contexts that animate medieval political thought.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Introduction

Cicero,

The Republic, Book I 1-12, 39-50, III 42-48

The Laws, Book I 16-63, II 7-17

Augustine, *City of God*

The Roman Empire: V 17, 19, 24, 25.

Original Sin: XIII, 13-15, XIV 12,14

Two Cities: XIV 28, XV 1,2,4

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The Nature of Political Society and Political Rule: IV 4, XIX 5-17, 21, 24-26.

Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*

Government: ST I-II q. 92 a 1 ad 2, 96 a. 3-4, I-II q. 97 a. 3 ad 3, q. 105 a. 1

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Law: ST I-II q. 90-94

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Property: ST II-II, q. 66 a 1-2 Sedition II-II q. 42 a. 2, 69 a. 4, 104 a. 6
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War: ST II-II q. 40, 64 a. 7
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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

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