

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Good Citizenship in America - 56914*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* political science

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* Yearly

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Prof David Ricci

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* appointment - via 02-5337578

*Teaching Staff:*

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Prof David Ricci

Course/Module description:

*This course examines a republican form of citizenship as in America rather than a nationalist form of citizenship as in Israel and many European countries*

Course/Module aims:

*General education about the history of political thought*

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

*Upon completing this course, students will understand how the concept of citizenship is linked to vital political realities such as sovereignty, the social contract, and civil rights.*

Attendance requirements(%):

*Attendance is absolutely required. Failure to attend and participate in discussions will result in failure to receive credit for the course.*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: This course will consist of group discussions, every two weeks, based on required readings for each discussion.*

Course/Module Content:

- I. Defining citizenship.*
- II. Greece.*
- III. Rome plus the revival of citizenship.*
- IV. The American Founders.*
- V. From republicanism to democracy.*
- VI. Clashes, complexities, and frictions concerning citizenship - the Civil War to World War I.*
- VII. The rise of consumerism.*
- VIII. G.N.P. and ecology.*
- IX. Social limits and the new politics.*
- X. Marketing and television.*
- XI. Constructive thinking.*
- XII. A new/old paradigm.*
- XIII. Is good citizenship possible?*

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Required Reading:

I. Defining citizenship.

1. David Ricci, *Good Citizenship in America* (Cambridge, 2004), Chapter 1, "The Concept of Citizenship," pp. 3-18.

II. Greece.

2. Richard Livingstone (ed.), *Thucydides, The History of the Peloponnesian War, "Funeral Oration" [Winter of 431-430 B.C.] by Pericles* (New York: Oxford, 1960), pp. 109-117.

3. Ernest Barker (ed.), *Aristotle, The Politics [c. 330 B.C.]*, (New York: Oxford, 1958), pp. 92-111, 262-267, 300-303.

4. "The Crito" [c. 400-390 B.C.], in A. D. Lindsay (introd.), *Plato & Xenophon: Socratic Discourses* (New York: E. P. Dutton, 1910), pp. 350-364.

5. Sophocles, "Antigone," in L. R. Lind (ed.), *Ten Greek Plays in Contemporary Translation* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1957), pp. 83-109.

III. Rome plus the revival of citizenship.

6. David Ricci, *Good Citizenship in America*, Chapter 2, "Early Civic Ideas," pp. 19-48.

7. Michael Walzer, *The Revolution of the Saints* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1965), pp. 1-21, 300-320.

8. "The Mayflower Compact" [1620], in Clarence Ver Steeg and Richard Hofstadter (eds.), *Great Issues in American History* (New York: Vintage, 1969), pp. 73-74.

9. "Common Sense" [1776], from Howard Fast, *The Selected Work of Tom Paine* (New York: Modern Library, 1943, 1945), pp. 3-31.

IV. The American Founders.

10. "A Declaration [of Independence, 1776]," in Edward Smith and Harold Spaeth (eds.), *The Constitution of the United States* (orig., 1956; New York: Barnes and Noble [Harper and Row], 1987), 26-30.

11. Madison and Jefferson on separation of church and state, in Wilson and Donald Drakeman (ed.), *Church and State in American History* (New York: MJF Books, 2003), pp. 63-69.

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12. "Constitution of the United States" [1789], in Smith and Spaeth, *ibid.*, pp. 41-66.

13. "The Federalist No. 10" [1787], in Edward Earle (ed.), *The Federalist* (New York: Modern Library, 1937), 33-62.

V. *From republicanism to democracy.*

14. Gordon Wood, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* (New York: Vintage, 1991), pp. 169-225.

15. *Selections from the franchise debates (1820-1830) and speeches by President Andrew Jackson (1829, 1832)*, in Alpheus T. Mason (ed.), *Free Government in the Making*, 4th ed. (New York: Oxford, 1985), pp. 368-391.

16. Henry David Thoreau, "Civil Disobedience" [1849], in Carl Bode (ed.), *The Portable Thoreau* (New York: Viking, 1947), pp. 109-137.

17. Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address" [1863] and "The Second Inaugural Address" [1865], in Dianne Ravitch (ed.), *The American Reader* (New York: HarperPerennial, 1991), pp. 149-153.

VI. *Clashes, complexities, and frictions concerning citizenship - the Civil War to World War I.*

18. "Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions" [1848], in Dianne Ravich (ed.), *The American Reader* (New York: HarperPerennial, 1991), pp. 83-85.

19. "The Producer Must Retain What He Produces" [1893] and "The Omaha Platform" [1892], in Normal Pollack (ed.), *The Populist Mind* (New York: Bobbs-Merrill, 1967), pp. 57-66.

20. David Ricci, *Good Citizenship in America*, Chapter 5, pp. "The Challenge to Good Citizenship," pp. 109-133.

21. Andrew Carnegie, *The Gospel of Wealth* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1962), pp. 14-49.

VII. *The rise of consumerism.*

22. William Leach, *Land of Desire* (New York: Vintage, 1993), pp. 3-38.

23. "The Backward Art of Spending Money" [1912], in Wesley Mitchell, *The Backward Art of Spending Money* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1937), pp. 3-19.

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24. *Selections from Franklin Delano Roosevelt [1932-1941]*, in Alpheus T. Mason (ed.), *Free Government in the Making*, 4th ed. (New York: Oxford, 1985), pp. 666-698.

VIII. *G.N.P. and ecology.*

25. E. J. Mishan, "Ills, Bads, and Disamenities: The Wages of Growth," in Mancur Olson and Hans Landsberg (eds.), *The No-Growth Society* (New York: Norton, 1973), pp. 63-87.

26. Kenneth Boulding, "The Economics of the Coming Spaceship Earth" [1966], and Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons" [1968], in Garrett Hardin (ed.), *Population, Evolution, and Birth Control*, 2nd ed. (San Francisco: W. H. Freeman, 1969), pp. 115-119, 367-381.

27. Donella Meadows, et al., *The Limits to Growth* (New York: Universe, 1972), pp. 25-87.

IX. *Social limits and the new politics.*

28. "Introduction: The Argument in Brief" and "A Duality in the Growth Potential," from Fred Hirsch, *Social Limits to Growth* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1978), pp. 1-26.

29. Robert Westbrook, "Politics as Consumption," in Richard Wightman and T. J. Jackson Lears (eds.), *The Culture of Consumption* (New York: Pantheon, 1983), pp. 145-173.

30. John Kingdon, *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*, 2nd ed., (New York: HarperCollins, 1995), pp. 10-20. (1st. ed., 1984)

X. *Marketing and television.*

31. Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death* (New York: Penguin, 1985), pp. 83-98.

32. Neil Postman and Steve Powers, *How To Watch TV News* (New York: Penguin, 1992), pp. 97-127.

33. Sut Jhally and Justin Lewis, *Enlightened Racism* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1992), pp. 1-33.

34. Susan Strasser, *Satisfaction Guaranteed: The Making of the American Mass Market* (Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1987), pp. 3-28, 286-291.

35. Robert Putnam, "The Strange Disappearance of Civic America," in Robert

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Kuttner (ed.), *Ticking Time Bombs* (New York: New Press, 1996), pp. 263-285.

*XI. Constructive thinking.*

36. Mancur Olson, *The Logic of Collective Action* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1965), pp. 5-16.

37. Joseph Schumpeter, on "creative destruction" in *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*, 3rd. ed., (New York: Harper, 1947), pp. 81-86. (1st. ed., 1942)

38. David Ricci, *Good Citizenship in America*, Chapter 8, "Constructive Thinking," pp. 223-252.

*XII. A new/old paradigm.*

40. David Ricci, *Good Citizenship in America*, Chapter 9, "The Primacy of Politics," pp. 253-294.

*XIII. Is good citizenship possible?*

41. Joseph Schumpeter, on "democracy" in *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy* 3rd ed., (New York: Harper, 1947), pp. 250-283. (1st. ed., 1942)

42. Michael Walzer, "A Day in the Life of a Socialist Citizen," *Obligations* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1970), pp. 229-238.

43. Robert Alejandro, "Impossible Citizenship," in Karen Slawner and Mark Denham (eds.), *Citizenship After Liberalism* (New York: 1998), pp. 9-32.

44. Clyde Wilson, "Citizens or Subjects," in Robert Whitaker (ed.), *The New Right Papers* (New York: St. Martin's 1982), pp. 107-127.

Additional Reading Material:

None

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 100 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

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*Research project 0 %*  
*Quizzes 0 %*  
*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*

*Teacher will speak Hebrew or English when necessary. Students will chose to speak during discussions in English or Hebrew*