

Ethics and Policy Studies 744-01
Citizenship and Public Policy
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WRI-B224

Syllabus 1-10-07

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This course will examine issues surrounding citizenship, including what it means to be a citizen of a political community, the citizen's rights and duties, the goals of citizenship, and the political policies and institutions that affect it.. We begin by studying Aristotle's *Politics*, the most influential classical account of citizenship. Next, we study Machiavelli's *Discourses* in order to learn why Machiavelli is considered the father of "civic republicanism" and how the modern form of citizenship differs from the classical form. Finally, we explore the meaning and future of citizenship in a modern liberal democracy by reading Michael Sandel's *Democracy's Discontent*.

Books required for purchase:

Aristotle *Politics*. Lord translation. Chicago.
Machiavelli. *Discourses*. Mansfield and Tarcov translation. Chicago.
Sandel. *Democracy's Discontent*. Harvard.

Recommended Reading

Ambler, Wayne. "Aristotle on the Naturalness of the City," *The Review of Politics*, 47,2 (April) pp. 163-85
Barker, Ernest. *Plato and Aristotle*.
Bartlett, Robert. 1994a. "Aristotle's Science of the Best Regime." *American Political Science Review* 88.1 (March). pp. 143-55.
-----, 1994b. "The Realism of Classical Political Science." *American Journal of Political Science* 38.2 (May). pp.381-402.
Mansfield, Harvey C.. *New Modes and Orders*.
Plutarch. *Life of Lycurgus* and *Life of Solon*.
Strauss, Leo. *The City and Man* "Aristotle."
Wolin, Sheldon. "Machiavelli, Politics, and the Economy of Violence." in Wolin, *Politics and Vision*.
Yack, Bernard. 1985. "Community and Conflict in Aristotle's Political Philosophy," *The Review of Politics* 47, 169-88.

Assignments:

2 short essays (2000 to 2500 words) are due during the semester. The first is due March 2nd. The second is due April 21st. A take home final will be given at the end of the semester..

Schedule

January	18	Introduction	
	25	Aristotle	Book I chapters 1-6.
February	2		Book I chapters 7-13.
	9		Book II chapter 8 and Book III chapters 1-4.
	16		Book III chapters 5-12 .
	23		Book III chapters 13-18 and IV 1
March	2		Book VII and VIII
	9		(Continued)
	23	Machiavelli	Book I
	30	Machiavelli	Book I
April	7	Machiavelli	Book II
	14	Machiavelli	III
	21	Machiavelli	III
	28	Sandel	Part one (selections).
May	5	Sandel,	Part two (selections).
		Rorty	“A Defense of Minimalist Liberalism” in <i>Debating Democracy’s Discontent</i> .
		Sandel.	“Response to Critics” in <i>Debating Democracy’s Discontent</i> .