

Citizenship and Public Policy

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WRI-B224

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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 thematic and influential account of classical citizenship. Next, we study Machiavelli's *Discourses* in order to learn why Machiavelli is considered the father of modern "civic republicanism" and how the modern form of citizenship differs from the classical form. Turning to contemporary civic republican thought, we look at Arendt's *The Human Condition* and to Sandel's *Democracy's Discontent*. With Sandel's book, we examine the "republican" tradition in the United States and how that tradition affects political policies.

Books required for purchase:

Arendt, Hannah. *The Human Condition*.

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

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*.

Assignments:

3 essays, 6 pages in length (1500 words), are due during the semester on Feb. 18, Mar. 25 and Apr. 29.

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## Reading Schedule

Jan 14.		Introduction.
Jan 21.	Aristotle <i>Politics</i>	Book 1. 1-8.
Jan 28.		Book 1. 9-13. Book 3. 1-3.
Feb. 4		Book 3. 4-11.
Feb. 11		Book 3. 12, 13, 16, 17. Book 7. 1-3
Feb. 18		Book 7, 4-17. Book 8
Feb. 25	Machiavelli <i>Discourses</i>	Book 1
Mar. 4		Book 1
Mar. 11		Book 2
Mar. 18		Book 3
Mar. 25	Arendt <i>The Human Condition</i>	Selections
Apr. 1		“
Apr 15.	Sandel <i>Democracy's Discontent</i>	Chapters 1 through 5
Apr. 22		Chapters 6 through 9 and conclusion
Apr. 29	Sandel et al. <i>Debating Democracy's Discontent</i>	Selections

