

PSC 371-001 Ancient Political Theory  
Tuesday–Thursday 2:30-3:45  
CBC C122

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The goal of this course is to understand the meaning of the revolution in thought that began with Socratic political philosophy and the radical challenge that it poses to contemporary political thought. In studying the works of Plato, Aristotle and Aristophanes, we examine fundamental political, moral, and theological questions, including which way of life and which political society is best.

**Format:** The course requires careful reading and regular attendance and participation in discussions.

### **Books Required for Purchase**

Aristotle's *Politics*. Lord translation.  
*Four Texts on Socrates*, West and West translation.  
Plato's *Gorgias*. Nichols translation.

**Grades:** Grades will be based on two short essays (10% and 25% ), a mid-term (25%), a final (30%), and participation (10 %). Attendance is required. Students who miss more than three classes without a valid excuse (e.g. medical or family emergency) will have their course grades reduced by half a grade.

### **Reading Schedule**

Aug 28	Intro	
Aug 30	Apology	17a-24a
Sept 4	Apology	24b-28b
Sept 6	Apology	28b-42d
Sept 11	Clouds	1-509
Sept 13	Clouds	510-1113
Sept 18	Clouds	continued (Short paper due)
Sept 20	Clouds	1113-1511
Sept 25	Gorgias	447-455a
Sept 27	Gorgias.	455a-466a
Oct 2	Gorgias	466a-481b
Oct 4	Gorgias	continued
Oct 9	Gorgias	481a-488b
Oct 11	Gorgias	488b-506c
Oct 23	Gorgias	506c-521b

Oct 25	Gorgias	continued
Oct. 30	Gorgias	521c-527d
Nov 1	EXAM	
Nov. 6	Politics	I. 1-6.
Nov. 8	Politics	I. 7-11.
Nov 13	Politics	I. 12-13 and II 1, 7-8.
Nov 15	Politics	III. 1-4
Nov. 20	Politics	III. 5-11 (paper due)
Nov. 27	Politics	III 12-13
Nov 29	Politics	III 14-18 and IV 1, 2, 11)
Dec. 4	Politics	VII & VIII
Dec 6	conclusion	

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