

Greek 9902B: Aristotle's *Politics*

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Class Meeting: Monday 2:30-5:30pm - Lawson Hall 3220

Course Description

There is perhaps no work of political philosophy that is more influential and controversial than Aristotle's *Politics*. It is in the *Politics* that we find the original account of the human being as a "political animal"- an idea that has been reiterated and reinterpreted throughout the 20th and 21st century. And it is also in the *Politics* that we find arguments against the institution of democracy as well as the promotion of "natural slavery." In this course, students will have the opportunity to perform close readings and interrogations of the *Politics* with a view to its specific intellectual and historical framework in Classical Greece. At the same time, students will also consider in greater detail how the *Politics* has been received throughout history and influenced modern political thought from Thomas Hobbes to Michel Foucault and beyond.

Course Evaluation

Class Participation/Preparation:	10%
Class Presentation	10%
Midterm	20%
Final	30%
Research Paper	30%

Important Policies

Note from the Dean of Arts and Humanities

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Plagiarism

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Academic Consideration for Absences

Please note that Western's policy on academic consideration is currently being reviewed and may change before this course begins. The policy as it is now can be found here:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf

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