THE COURSE

Social Science II is one of the many courses under the Social Science and Philosophy (SSP) domain of the Revitalized General Education Program (RGEP) of the University of the Philippines. As part of the SSP domain, Social Science II seeks to provide a general understanding and appreciation of the social, economic and political theories and ideas of fourteen (14) philosophers from the Ancient Greece to modern times.

In order to guide us in our lessons, the course sets two general objectives: first, to carefully describe the main themes of selected social, economic, and political thinkers of various periods of western civilization; and, second, to clearly demonstrate the continuity and discontinuity in the “great conversation”.

The classroom discussion and lectures will revolve around five themes, which will help reveal the “great conversation” among the traditions of thinking in various periods. These five themes are: 1) the blending of politics and ethics, (2) human nature and the purpose of political associations, (3) organizing or constituting political associations, (4) why and how political associations change, and (5) issues in economic thought – value, price, production, distribution, nature of market, and relationship between the state and market.

Social Science II is a survey course on social, economic, and political thought from classical to contemporary periods.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course will have the following requirements. These requirements will be the bases of the student’s final grade. Note that the requirements seek to measure the performance of the student in the particular semester or term.

Three Long Examinations. Each of the three long examinations constitutes 20 per cent of your final grade, a total of 60 per cent for all three. The exams are in-class exams seeking to test the student’s understanding and mastery of the theories and ideas presented in classroom discussion and lectures. There will be no make-up exams for those who will miss it, except those who were absent for medical reasons only. A certification issued by the University Health Service must be presented.

Group Work and Activities. The class will be divided into four (4) permanent groups. This grouping will be used in all group work and activities of the class. Activities may vary from debates, panel discussion, and presentations, depending on the topic. It is expected that each student will cooperate and participate in these activities. Free riders will not be tolerated. This requirement will constitute 20 per cent of your grade.

Class Participation. Apart from the group work and activities, each student will be graded individually based on their performance every session. Students are expected to have read the required readings and ready to engage in the class discussion. This requirement will constitute 15 per cent of your grade. While it is not required, students are also encouraged to read the recommended and suggested readings for deeper understanding of concepts and ideas and their application.

Attendance. The final 5 per cent of your grade will be determined by how often you come or miss the class. Perfect attendance will merit full points; each absence will have corresponding deductions. As per University rule, a student is allowed to incur absences equivalent to 20 per cent of total class hours or six
(6) sessions. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Students entering the room 20 minutes after the class commences will be marked absent.

**COURSE TEXTS**

The following is a list of books to be used in this course. Some of the books are available at the Social Sciences Section of the Main Library. The required reference text of this course is Ebenstein and Ebenstein’s *Great Political Thinkers*. Supplementary reference texts are Michael Curtis’s *Great Political Theories* (volumes 1 and 2), the Department’s *Readings in Social Science II* and Robert Heilbroner’s *The Worldly Philosophers*.

**Required and Supplementary Texts**


**Suggested Texts and Materials**


**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Session 1**
(15.06.2011)
**INTRODUCTION**
What is Social Science II?

**Session 2**
(17.06.2011)
**GREEK LEGACY TO CRITICAL THINKING**
How did they come up with their ideas?
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 7-18.

**UNIT I: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL THINKERS**

**Session 3**
(22.06.2011)
**BRAVE NEW WORLD**
Film Showing: Based on the novel by Aldous Huxley. (FC 3134)

**Session 4**
(29.06.2011)
**PLATO** (c. 428-348 B.C.)
Nature and Origin of the State | The Virtues of the State | Justice in the individual and the polis
The Philosopher-Ruler | Abolition of the Family | Equality of Women | The End of the State
Allegory of the Cave
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 19-74.

**Session 5**
(01.07.2011)
Continuation of Plato

**Session 6**
(06.07.2011)
**ARISTOTLE** (384-322 B.C.)
The Nature and Origin of the State | Slavery | Property | Citizenship | Classification of Constitutions | The Most Practicable Constitution | Justice | Kingship and Rule of Law
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 75-115.

**Session 7**
(08.07.2011)
Continuation of Aristotle
Session 8  AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430 A.D.)  (13.07.2011)  Origin of the State | The Two Cities | Justice and Order | Liberty and Slavery  
S: Curtis (Vol. 1), pp. 141-142 and 146-156.

Session 9  THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)  (15.07.2011)  The Nature and Origin of the State | The Four Types of Laws | The Right to Resist a Tyrant  
The Church and the State | Economic ideas on private property, trading and usury  
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 218-244.  

Session 10  INTEGRATION  (20.07.2011)  Comparison of the classical and medieval views on the nature of human beings and the state.

Session 11  FIRST EXAMINATION  (22.07.2011)  First sit-in examination coverage: Plato to Aquinas.

Session 12  POST-EXAMINATION FREE DAY  (27.07.2011)  No class. Also a reading to prepare for next unit.

UNIT II: RENAISSANCE AND THE SOCIAL CONTRACT THINKERS

Session 13  NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI (1469-1527)  (29.07.2011)  Art of Politics: Politics vs. Ethics | Qualities of the Prince | The end justifies the means  
The political value of religion | Unity and Liberation of Italy  
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 283-301.  

Session 14  (03.08.2011)  Continuation of Machiavelli

Session 15  SOCIAL CONTRACT THEORY  (05.08.2011)  What is a social contract? What is political obligation?

R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 355-379.  


Session 18  JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU (1712-1778)  (17.08.2011)  The Nature of the Primitive Man | The Origin of the Civil Society | Social Contract for a just civil society | Sovereignty and the Government | Moral Liberty as the End of the Civil Society  
The Rights and Obligations of Citizens  
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 442-472.  
S: Curtis (Vol. 2), pp. 15-17 and 18-34.

Session 19  DANTON  (19.08.2011)  Film Showing: A film about the French Revolution. (FC 3134)

Session 20  INTEGRATION  (24.08.2011)  Synthesis on the realist views of human nature and their effect on politics and comparison of the social contract theories.


Session 22  POST-EXAMINATION FREE DAY  (31.08.2011)  No class. Also a reading to prepare for next unit.
UNIT III: MODERN ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS

Session 23  
ADAM SMITH (1723-1790)  
(02.09.2011)  
Theory of Moral Sentiments | Laissez Faire | Theory of Value | The Role of the State Analysis of Distribution | Theory of Capital Accumulation  
R: Ebenstein and Ebenstein, pp. 492-503.  

Session 24  
(07.09.2011)  
Continuation of Smith

Session 25  
DAVID RICARDO (1772-1823)  
(09.09.2011)  
Theory of Rent | Reformulation of Theory of Value | Law of Comparative Advantage  
R: Heilbroner, pp. 75-104.  

Session 26  
ANIMAL FARM  
(14.09.2011)  
Film Showing: Based on the novel by George Orwell. (FC 3134)

Session 27  
KARL MARX (1818-1883)  
(16.09.2011)  
Materialist Interpretation of History | Theory of Class Struggle | Critique of Classical Political Economy | Theory of Revolution | Communism as the End of History  

Session 28  
(21.09.2011)  
Continuation of Marx

Session 29  
JOHN STUART MILL (1806-1873)  
(23.09.2011)  
Revision of Utilitarianism | Scope of Human Liberty as a precondition for modern society The Value of Education | The Role of Government | The Subjugation of Women and Equality  
S: Curtis (Vol. 2), pp. 426-436

Session 30  
MAX WEBER (1864-1920)  
(28.09.2011)  
Theory of Social Science | Theory of Bureaucracy | Legitimate Types of Authority  
R: Hughes, Martin and Sharrock, pp. 112-116; 121-122.  
S: Curtis (Vol. 2), pp. 426-436

Session 31  
EMILE DURKHEIM (1858-1917)  
(30.09.2011)  
Division of labour in society | Two kinds of solidarity | Two kinds of societies | Collective consciousness and society | Social differentiation | Origin of social differentiation  
R: Hughes, Martin and Sharrock, pp. 169-177.

Session 32  
INTEGRATION  
(05.10.2011)  
Synthesis of the recent views regarding the relationship between the state and market and comparison of the recent views about society and politics.

Session 33  
THIRD EXAM  
(07.10.2011)  
Third sit-in examination coverage: Smith to Durkheim.

Some notes
1. For the readings, all (R)s are required readings; (S)s are suggested or supplementary, as the case may be. Students are expected to have read at least the required reading. All texts in the Readings in Social Science II are part of the suggested or supplementary.
2. The schedule provided above is tentative. Students will be notified accordingly.

DATES TO REMEMBER
First Examination : 22 July 2011, Friday  
Second Examination : 26 August 2011, Friday  
Third Examination : 07 October 2011, Friday  
Last Day of Dropping : 12 September 2011, Monday  
End of Classes : 10 October 2011, Monday
COURSE GRADE CONVERSION

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OTHER CLASS POLICIES

1. Proper decorum is a must to ensure a harmonious and lively environment for discussion. Avoid unnecessary interruption. Attitude fitting for a college student is expected in class.
2. Related to proper decorum, use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited. All phones should be turned off or put in silent mode. Should the use of phone be inevitable, the student may silently exit the room without disrupting any on-going discussion.
3. No additional or special course work will be given to any student.
4. Eating is allowed inside the room except for any kind of food that may cause disturbance during class sessions.
5. Smiling is not prohibited.

CONSULTATION

Please send me an email at least 24 hours before the day you want to consult to make sure that I am available and that no other students have filled in the time slot during regular consultation hours. You may also consult with me via email if there is no need to see me personally.

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