

It is my way to suffer no impediment, no love of ease, no avocation whatever, to chill the ardour, to break the continuity, or divert the completion of my literary pursuits.

John Milton

For genius, all over the world, stands hand in hand, and one shock of recognition runs the whole circle round.

Herman Melville

Honors 354.1

ELEMENTS OF POLITICS

Spring 2007

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Course requirements: 5 precis, one essay, a final exam

More, *Utopia*

Luther, *Psalm One Hundred One*

Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Montaigne, *Essays*

Machiavelli, *Discourses*

Hooker, *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*

Bacon, *Essays, New Atlantis, Wisdom of the Ancients, Novum Organum*

Marlowe, *Doctor Faustus*

Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

Milton, *Areopagitica*

Donne, "The Anniversary"

- Jan. 10 St. Thomas More, *Utopia*
- 17 ----- *Utopia*
- 22 Machiavelli: *Discourses* : Book I, Book II: Preface—Chapter 7 (pp. 3-142)
- 24 *Discourses* Book II: Chapter 8-16 (pp. 143-162)
- 26 **PRECIS ONE** (750 words)
- 29 *Discourses* Book II: 17-33, Book III: 1-10 (pp. 163-244)
- 31 *Discourses* Book III: 11-22 (244-268)
- Feb. 5 *Discourses* Book III: 23-49 (268-310)
- 7 Luther, *Secular Authority*
- 9 **PRECIS TWO** (1250 words)
- 12 Calvin, *Institutes*
- 14 *Institutes*
- 19 *Institutes*
- 21 Montaigne, *Essays*: Book I—Essays 14 (39-56), 23 (93-108), 31 (182-193)

23 ******PRECIS THREE**

26 Montaigne: Book II—6 (331-334), 12 (449-463.2, 476.3-478.4, 495.4-497.1, 508.1-515.2, 521.1-522.1, 530.1-532.2, 550.2-556.3), 16 (568-581)

28 Montaigne: Book II—17 (581-610)

Mar. 5 Montaigne : Book II—33 (667-674); Book III—1 (726-740), 2 (740-753)

7 Hooker, *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*: Book I Chapter 2-5, 8, 9 (109-120, 126-135)19 *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*: Book I Chapter 10-12, 15-16; Book V Chapter 1-2 (135-153, 159-168, 218-226)21 Marlowe, *Dr. Faustus*26 Shakespeare, *Troilus and Cressida*28 Shakespeare, *Troilus and Cressida*April 2 Shakespeare, *The Tempest*4 Shakespeare, *The Tempest*9 Shakespeare, *The Tempest*11 Bacon, *Essays*: 13, 14, 16, 17; *Wisdom of the Ancients*: Preface, 9-13, 16, 26, 2813 **PRECIS FOUR**16 Bacon, *Novum Organum* I-LXIX , *New Atlantis*18 Bacon, *New Atlantis*23 Milton, *Areopagitica* **PRECIS FIVE**25 Milton *Areopagitica* **FINAL EXAM I**May 3 **1250-1750 WORD ESSAY.**May 7 Donne, "The First Anniversary" **FINAL EXAM II—4:00-6:00:**

DAILY ASSIGNMENT: For each and every class you are to isolate and analyze at least two passages which you think are quite significant for understanding the assigned reading. Be prepared either to call attention to that special significance or to raise some question pertaining to the passages with which you have wrestled.

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING: more Montaigne; Shakespeare's History plays and Roman plays, *Measure for Measure*, *Merchant of Venice*; Bacon, *The Advancement of Learning*, *Essays*, Spenser, *The Faerie Queene*