Course Description
This course is a survey intended primarily for Ph.D. students in Political Science. It is also open to a limited number of other well-qualified students. Treatment of issues is selective, not comprehensive.

Requirements
All students should complete all required readings in advance of the session in which they will be discussed. In addition, students who are taking this course for a letter grade ("E" credit) must complete at least three short essays on topics that will be provided in advance. The essays must be submitted on the dates indicated on the schedule below and should be delivered on paper to my mailbox no later than 12 noon. All students, whether taking the course for a letter grade or not, must complete a take-home examination. The exam will be handed out during the final regular meeting of the course and will be due back on the date indicated on the schedule below no later than 12 noon. The short essays taken together with any contributions to class discussion will count for approximately 60% of the final grade. The final exam will count for roughly 40% of the grade. No incompletes will be given in this class.

Readings
The following books have been ordered for purchase at Book Culture. Although you need not purchase these specific editions if you already own copies of one or more of these books, their purchase in some edition is strongly recommended. Additional readings are available on library reserves.

Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince, in Selected Political Writings (Hackett)
John Locke, Second Treatise of Government, in Political Writings (Hackett)
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, The Social Contract, in Basic Political Writings (Hackett)
Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations (Oxford)
David Johnston, A Brief History of Justice (Wiley-Blackwell)

Schedule
Week 1 Introduction (Sept. 4)
Sheldon Wolin, “Political Theory as a Vocation,” American Political Science Review 63 (1969)
Richard Tuck, “History,” in Robert Goodin and Philip Pettit, A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy
Part I Basic Concepts

Week 2 Power (Sept. 11)
Niccolo Machiavelli, The Prince (complete)
Steven Lukes, Power: A Radical View

Week 3 Freedom (Sept. 18)
Hobbes, Leviathan, ch. 21
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, The Social Contract, Book I, chs. 6-8; Book II, ch. 6
Isaiah Berlin, “Two Concepts of Liberty,” in Four Essays on Liberty, pp. 118-172
Charles Taylor, “What’s Wrong with Negative Liberty?” in Philosophical Papers

First Essay due Monday, Sept. 23 at 12 noon
(all students must submit this essay)

Part II Principal Structures of Action

Week 4 Command Structures (Authority) (Sept. 25)
Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, Introduction, chs. 1-18, 21, 24, 29, 30, 32, 33, Review and Conclusion
Charles E. Lindblom, Politics and Markets, ch. 5

Week 5 Mutual Adjustment (Bargaining) (October 2)
Adam Smith, Wealth of Nations (as selected in Oxford World’s Classics ed.)
Charles E. Lindblom, Politics and Markets, ch. 6

Week 6 Imaginative Constructs (Persuasion) (Oct. 9)
Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, chs. 2, 8, 44, 46, 47
David Johnston, The Rhetoric of Leviathan, ch. 5
Gerald Cohen, Karl Marx’s Theory of History: A Defense, ch. 1 (“Images of History in Hegel and Marx”)
Dennis Ross, “Why Israelis, Arabs, and Palestinians See the World the Way They Do,” (ch. 1 in Dennis Ross, The Missing Peace: The Inside Story of the Fight for Middle East Peace)

Second Essay due Monday, Oct. 14 at 12 noon
(all students must submit this essay)

Part III Central Questions of Political Theory

Week 7 Constitutionalism (Oct. 16)
John Locke, Second Treatise of Government
Friedrich Hayek, The Constitution of Liberty, chs. 1, 2, 7, 9-12
M. J. C. Vile, Constitutionalism and the Separation of Powers, ch. 2
Jeremy Waldron, “Precommitment and Disagreement,” in Law and Disagreement

Week 8 Democracy (Oct. 23)
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, The Social Contract (complete)
John Stuart Mill, Considerations on Representative Government, chs. 2-6
Joseph Schumpeter, Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy, Part IV, pp. 235-302

Week 9 Boundaries (October 30)

Election Day Holiday

Week 10 Rights (Nov. 6)
Wesley Hohfeld, Fundamental Legal Conceptions as Applied in Judicial Reasoning (complete)
Charles Beitz, The Idea of Human Rights

Third Essay due Monday, Nov. 11 at 12 noon

Week 11 Justice I (Nov. 13)
John Stuart Mill, Utilitarianism
John Rawls, “Justice as Reciprocity,” in Rawls, Collected Papers, pp. 190-224

Week 12 Justice II (Nov. 20)
David Johnston, A Brief History of Justice

Nov. 27: No class meeting
Thanksgiving Recess

Fourth Essay due Monday, Dec. 2 at 12 noon

Week 13 Conclusion (Dec. 4)

Final Exam due Monday, Dec. 9 at 12 noon