This course is an introduction to ancient Greek political theory. The heart of the course is a careful reading and discussion of classic texts by Homer, Thucydides, Plato, and Aristotle. Grades will be based on three short papers of 5-7, 10, and 15 pages (weighted roughly 20%, 35%, 45%) that will require you to think critically about the theorists and issues that we have discussed. (Students taking the course for 3 credits may do EITHER both of the first two papers OR only the third paper.) Topics will be distributed about a week before the papers are due. Grades may also be raised or lowered by half a letter grade based on participation (quality not quantity) in classroom discussions.

January 6: Homer, *The Iliad*, Books 1-14. (I strongly encourage you to use the translation of Fagels, which I have ordered, Lattimore, or Lombardo.)


January 20: Thucydides, I.1-23, 66-88, 118-124, 139-146; II. 1-8, 34-78; III. 36-85. (I strongly recommend the revised Crawley translation, which is available in either *The Landmark Thucydides* or the [less expensive] Modern Library edition. I strongly recommend that you NOT use the Penguin edition, which uses the Warner translation. In any case, make sure that you have an edition with both book and chapter numbers.)

January 27: Thucydides, IV. 3-5, 13-23, 27-41, 47-48, 59-64, 84-87 102-108, 120-122; V. 6-11, 84-116; VI. 1, 8-26, 34, 53, 60, 61, 72, 75-92; VII.18, 60-87; VIII.1-2, 45-53, 81-82.

February 3: Plato, *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito*, *Phaedo* (death scene); Xenophon, *Apology of Socrates*; Aristophanes, *Clouds*. (I have ordered the Hackett collection *The Trials of Socrates*, which includes all six texts.)


February 24: Aristotle, *Politics*, I.1-6 (1252a-1255b15), I.13 (1259b18-1260), II.1-5 (1260b27-1264b25), III.1-13 (1274b-1284b34), IV.1-4(6) (1288b-1290b20), IV.9-13 (1294a30-1297b34), V.1 (1301a-1302a15), VI.1-5 (1316b-1320b17), VII.1-3 (1323a-1325b31) VII.8-10 (1328a21-1330a33). (Use any edition that has the standard Bekker page numbers in the margins and/or the traditional chapter divisions within the Books.)

March 3: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, I, II, III 1114b26-1116a9, 1117a28-1117b16, 1117b23-1119b20, 1119b21-1125b31, V 1129a-1133a20, 1133b28-1135a5, 1136a1-4, 1136a32-1138a3, VI, VII 1145a15-1145b7, 1152a7-1152b3, VIII 1155a-1159a12, 1159b25-1161b10, IX 1167a21-1167b15, X 1177a11-1181b23. (Use any edition that has the standard Bekker page numbers in the margins.)

March 10: Cicero, *On Duties*. 