

**Syllabus**  
**Political Science 314**  
**Modern Political Thought**  
**Fall Semester 1998**

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**Course Objective**

To examine the history of Western political thought from the 16th through the 19th century. We will be looking at such political philosophers as Machiavelli, Luther, Calvin, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, and Marx.

**Text**

Political Philosophy, A History of the Search for Order by James L. Wiser; The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli, Inventors of Ideas by Tannenbaum and Schultz.

**Course Requirements**

Three 100 point exams. 50 points on your final exam will come from a take home final exam research question. Each of you will be assigned a research question by the instructor. This will be due as of class time on Dec.4. Pop tests may be given and used as a factor in borderline grades.

**Make-up Tests**

Make-up test will only be given with an acceptable excuse. If you are ill you must present a written excuse from a doctor or authorized medical person. Failure to take a make-up exam will mean a zero for that test.

**Attendance**

Attendance will be taken. You have four unexcused absences. For each unexcused absence over four, 5 points will be deducted from your final grade. If you come in late it is your responsibility to make sure you are counted present. Excused absences will only be granted for extraordinary cases (serious illness, death in the family, etc.) and will only be granted with a written excuse from a doctor or other official verification. Your four unexcused absences are to be used for such things as minor illness, car won't start, don't feel like coming to class, etc. You should be in class on time, 3 tardies (coming into class after the roll is called) will equal one absence.

**Course Outline**

Chapters 6-7	(Wiser); <u>Prince</u> , Tannenbaum & Schultz 9, 10	First Exam
Chapters 8-12	(Wiser); Tannenbaum & Schultz 11-14	Second Exam
Chapters 13-16	(Wiser); Tannenbaum & Schultz 15-18	Final Exam

There will be a comprehensive question on your final exam.