

## Classics of Social and Political Thought, III

Social Sciences (SOSC) 15300 - Section 12

University of Chicago

Spring Quarter 2007

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### Course Meetings:

M/W, 10:30 - 11:50

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### Course Requirements:

(1) Two papers, each of 1250–1500 words (approx. 5–6 pages), due April 12 and May 3;

(2) A final paper of 2000–2500 words (approx. 8–10 pages), due June 6;

(3) Regular class attendance and participation. Each class meeting will begin by setting a group agenda on the board. As such, are you *required* to come to each class with a *typed* reading question in advance to contribute get us started each meeting. You will present your question at the beginning of class and turn in the question at the end of each session.

**Late Paper Policy:** Except in documented cases of illness or emergency, late papers will be penalized 1/2 of a letter grade per day. However, each student may, at his or her discretion, take a 24-hour extension for *one* of the papers, no questions asked. (If you are using your extension please indicate this on the first page of your paper.)

**Grades:** First paper 20%; second paper 30%; final paper 35%; attendance and participation 15%. *Any student who receives a failing grade for attendance and participation will receive a failing grade for the class.*

**Plagiarism:** If you, even for a moment, think that you need to plagiarize, please come see me. If you think you can get away with it, you are wrong. *Proven plagiarism of any kind may result in automatic failure of the course, and will be referred to the University for further disciplinary action.*

### Required Texts:

- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, eds. Mayer and Lawrence (Harper)
- John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*, ed. Gray (Oxford)
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, 2nd ed., ed. Tucker (Norton)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, eds. Clark and Swenson (Hackett)
- Max Weber, *The Vocation Lectures*, eds. Owen and Strong (Hackett)
- W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folks*, eds. Blight & Gooding-Williams (Bedford)

### **Reading Schedule:**

- 1.1. Mon, Mar. 26: Introduction (no reading).
- 1.2. Wed, Mar. 28: Tocqueville, pp. xiii-xiv; 9-20; 31-49; 50-70.
- 2.1. Mon, Apr. 2: Tocqueville, pp. 173-208; 220-45; 246-315.
- 3.1. Mon, Apr. 9: Tocqueville, pp. 316-363; 395-400.
- 3.2. Wed, Apr. 11: Tocqueville, pp. 417-18; 429-36; 503-513; 555-558; 665-705.
- 4.1. Mon, Apr. 16: Mill, *On Liberty*, chaps. 1-2, pp. 5-61.

### ***Tuesday, April 17: First Paper Due at Noon***

- 4.2. Wed, April 18: Mill, *On Liberty*, chap. 3, pp. 62-82.
- 5.1. Mon, April 23: Mill, *On Liberty*, chaps. 4-5, pp. 83-128.
- 5.2. Wed, Apr. 25: Marx, "On the Jewish Question," pp. 26-52.
- 6.1. Mon, Apr. 30: Marx, "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts," pp. 66-105.
- 6.2. Wed, May. 2: Marx, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," pp. 469-500.
- 7.1. Mon, May 7: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Preface and First Essay, pp. 1-33.

### ***Tuesday, May 8: Second paper due at Noon***

- 7.2. Wed, May 9: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Second Essay, pp. 35-66.
- 8.1. Mon, May 14: Nietzsche, "Genealogy of Morality," Third Essay, pp. 67-118.
- 8.2. Wed, May 16: Weber, "Science as a Vocation," pp. 1-31.
- 9.1. Mon, May 21: Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," pp. 32-94.
- 9.2. Wed, May 23: Du Bois, *Souls of Black Folks*, pp. 34-44, 62-102.
- 10.1. Mon, May 28: MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASS
- 10.2. Wed, May 30: Du Bois, *Souls of Black Folks*, 9-14, pp. 133-195.

### ***Thursday, June 6: Third Paper Due at Noon***