POLS 4391

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Course Description

The course offers an introduction to the activity of, and key themes in, political philosophy by focusing on representative selections from major works in political philosophy including a number of Plato’s dialogues, Machiavelli’s The Prince, and other select readings.

Methods for Assessing the Expected Learning Outcomes

The expected learning outcomes for this course will be assessed through:

1. 14 weekly journal entries emailed to tony.bartl@angelo.edu during the Spring semester
2. Weekly meetings to discussion the readings.
3. A ten to fifteen page final paper.

Course Assignments/Grade Determination

Preparation and Progress: Works in political philosophy require great care. Every attempt should be made to read the entire work through once quickly and then more slowly, piece by piece, per the weekly assignment.

Journal: Student will keep a journal containing weekly reflections on the readings designated for that week's discussion. These entries must be a minimum of 600 words and are due via email to the professor every Thursday -- at tony.bartl@angelo.edu. A total number of fourteen weekly journal entries are required. A date should be entered at the heading of each reflection. If the student wishes, she may enter multiple sub-entries (with multiple dates) in the single entry submitted for the week.
**Final Paper:** The student should be considering potential paper topic throughout the semester. By week twelve, she should propose the topic to the professor for approval.

**Grading:** Conscientious completion of the work in this course will result in an A. The Final Paper will be scrutinized more critically, however, with the expectation of it being a more polished product.

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