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Text: Ebenstein & Ebenstein, *Great Political Thinkers, 6th* edition

**Course Requirements:**
1. **Course Requirements:**
In order to earn a passing grade in this course, you must take two hour exams, a one hour final exam, and complete a paper on an assigned topic. The first hour exam will be given on February 15 and the second hour exam will be on March 29, both during the regular class time. The final hour exam will be given at the time scheduled by the university. Failure to take the exams or to submit a paper will result in an automatic 'F' for the course.

2. The paper should be chosen from a list of topics (provided separately) and is worth 15% of the course grade. The paper should be 5-10 pages (1250 - 2500 words and submitted by e-mail.) The paper is due on April 15, 2001.

3. Regular class attendance and participation in discussion is expected. In addition, you should submit a discussion question, along with a suggested answer, as these are assigned. Discussion questions may be submitted in class only on the date they are due. At least 3 discussion questions may be missed to allow for unavoidable absences (e.g., a plant trip). Flippant or irrelevant questions (or suggested answers) will be regarded as a non-submission.

4. The hour exams are worth 15% each of the course grade for a total of 45%. The paper is worth 15%. Class attendance and participation counts for 20% of the final grade. The discussion questions also count 20%.

**Reading Sequence:**
You should always read the Editors' Introduction to each philosopher before reading the actual selection (and before creating your discussion questions).

**Readings for Discussion Questions:**

Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 30 - 36  
Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 36 - 40  
Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 40 - 47  
Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 47 - 57  
Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 57 - 66  
Plato, *The Republic*, pp. 66 - 74
Aristotle, *Politics*, pp. 94 - 102
Aristotle, *Politics*, pp. 102 - 111
Aristotle, *Politics*, pp. 111 - 115
Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*, 157 - 167
Machiavelli, *The Prince*, pp. 291 - 301
Locke, *Two Treatises of Government*, pp. 389 - 397
Locke, *Two Treatises of Government*, pp. 397 - 407
Lenin, *Selected Works*, pp. 680 - 687
Nietzsche, Selections from *Thus Spake Zarathustra*, *The Antichrist*,
and *Genealogy of Morals*, pp. 694 - 707
Spencer, *Social Statics* and *The Man Versus the State*, pp. 768 - 779
Keynes, *The End of Laissez Faire*, pp. 794 - 805

Other readings may be assigned as needed.

The professor reserves the right to revise the syllabus as the course progresses.

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