

PSC 202 Syllabus, Fall 2011

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Where to Get the Readings

Every reading in the course is available online either through google books, the U of R library e-reserves, or jstor (a database of academic journals). In this Syllabus, there is a live hyperlink for each reading that is on google books or jstor. For the Hobbes and Hume readings, be sure to use the google books to which those links point. Other editions may differ in a way that could create problems for you. Readings that are on e-reserves are marked, and can be found under the "Reserves" link on the course blackboard page. Note that access to readings on e-reserves and jstor (everything except Hobbes and Hume) requires that you be on an on-campus computer, or that you be logged in to the [U of R's VPN](#). Finally, I've written lecture notes to go along with some of the weeks. These are listed under the weeks where they are relevant. You can find them under the "course materials" tab on the course's blackboard page.

Schedule

Wed 8/31

no class (prof. Jordan out of town).

Mon 9/5

no class (labor day).

Week 1, Wed 9/7

intro to course, no reading.

Week 2, Mon 9/12 and Wed 9/14

Alec Fisher, *The Logic of Real Arguments*, pp. 1 through 28

- Lecture Notes: "Argument Basics"

Week 3, Mon 9/19 and Wed 9/21

[Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan](#)

- Introduction (pp. 23 - 25 of pdf)
- Chapter XIII only the first 8 paragraphs (pp. 106 - 111 of pdf)
- Chapter XVII (pp. 140 - 144 of pdf)
- **Hobbes Outline Assignment due Friday 9/23 by midnight**

Week4, Mon 9/26 and Wed 2/28

[David Hume, A Treatise on Human Nature](#)

- Book III, Part II, Section I, first 10 paragraphs (pp. 510 - 513 of pdf)
- Book III, Part II, Section II, first 11 paragraphs (pp. 517 - 524 of pdf)
- **Hume Outline Assignment due Fri 9/30 by midnight**

Week 5, Mon 10/3 and Wed 10/5

[Anthony T. Kronman, Contract Law and the State of Nature,](#)

- pp 5 through the top of page 24 (first 42 paragraphs)
- **Kronman Outline Assignment due Friday 10/7 by midnight**

Mon 10/10 and Wed 10/12

no class

Week 6, Mon 10/17 and Wed 10/19

Lecture Notes, "Evaluating Arguments"

- Supplement: Alec Fisher, *The Logic of Real Arguments*, pp. 24 through 28

Week 7, Mon 10/24 and Wed 10/26

Deigo Gambetta "The Sicilian Mafia" (on ereserves)

- pp 15 - 18

- pp 28 - 33
- **Gambetta Outline Assignment due Friday 10/30 by midnight**
- **Gambetta Evaluation Assignment due by Friday 11/4 by midnight**

Week 8, Mon 10/31 and Wed 11/2

[Margaret Brining, Rings and Promises](#)

- entire article
- **Brining Outline Assignment due Friday 11/4 by midnight**
- **Brining Evaluation Assignment due Friday 11/11 by midnight**

Week 9, Mon 11/7 and Wed 11/9

[Harold Demsetz, Toward a Theory of Property Rights](#)

- p 347 and the first paragraph of p 348
- pp 350 - 353
- **Demsetz Outline Assignment due Friday 11/11 by midnight**
- **Demsetz Evaluation Assignment due Friday 11/18 by midnight**

Week 10, Mon 11/14 and Wed 11/16

Mancur Olson, the Logic of Collective Action (on reserves)

- pp 1 - 15
- **Olson Outline Assignment due Friday 11/18 by midnight**
- **Olson Evaluation Assignment due Friday 11/30 by midnight**

Week 11, Mon 11/21 (no class Wed 11/23) Mon 11/28 and Wed 11/30

[Garrett Hardin, the Tragedy of the Commons](#)

- **Hardin Outline Assignment due Friday 12/2 by midnight**
- **Hardin Evaluation Assignment due Friday 12/9 by midnight**

Week 12, Mon 12/5 and Wed 12/7

Elinor Ostrom, Governing the Commons (on reserves)

- pp 1 - 21
- **Ostrom Outline Assignment due Friday 12/9 by midnight**
- **Ostrom Evaluation Assignment due Tuesday 12/13 by midnight**

Week 13, Mon 12/12

catch-up day

- **Take-Home Exam Due Sunday December 18, by Midnight**

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