

**POLS 2710**  
**Theories of Justice**

Apply such ethical concepts as human dignity, equity, well-being justice, and the common good to critically evaluate both existing social systems and proposals for social change

Envision and articulate systemic social changes and other ways to promote flourishing, well-being, equity, justice, and the dignity of the human person

**Requirements**

Students will be expected to attend each class session with the required readings done and be prepared and willing to participate thoughtfully in the discussions of them. Grades for the course will be determined based on the following:

- (3) Exams 100 points
- (1) Final Essay 100 points
- 400 points total

**Grade Scale in Points**

- 400-368= A
- 367-360= A-
- 359-348= B+
- 347-328= B
- 327-320= B-
- 319-312= C+
- 311-288= C
- 387-280= C-
- 279-220= D
- Below 220= F

**Examinations**

Examinations will be administered \_\_\_\_\_ site. They will open and close at specific times and will consist of essay questions, short answer questions, and multiple choice questions.

**Civility**

A course like this can give rise to strong opinions and even vigorous arguments. That is perfectly acceptable. However, each person and their opinions will be treated with respect and dignity.

The use of cell phones, computers or other electronic devices during class is prohibited except as approved for note-taking. Receiving calls, texting or other behavior that detracts from course material will not be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such behavior will be asked to leave the class and the day will be counted as an absence for the first offense. For the second offense, the person engaging in the behavior will be asked to leave and not return to class for the rest of the semester.

**Important Dates**

- September 5<sup>th</sup> No Class Labor Day
- September 28<sup>th</sup> No Class University Break
- November 23



## Course Outline

### Dates

### Topic

**August 24- September 12**

**Classical Justice and Plato**

*Readings:*

Aug. 24      *The Euthyphro; The Apology; and The Crito* (Reeve)  
Aug. 29      *The Euthyphro; The Apology; and The Crito* (Reeve)  
Aug. 31      *Plato's Ret*

**October 26- November 2**

**Socialism and Justice**

*Readings:*

- Oct. 26      *Self-Ownership, Freedom, and Equality* Introduction & Chs. 1-3 (Cohen)  
Oct. 31      *Self-Ownership, Freedom, and Equality* Chs. 4-6 (Cohen)  
Nov. 2      *Self-Ownership, Freedom, and Equality* Chs. 7-8 & 11 (Cohen)

regards all breaches of academic integrity as matters of serious concern. The full University-level Academic Integrity Policy can be found on the Provost's Office website at:  
[https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy\\_academic-integrity\\_6-26-2015.pdf](https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy_academic-integrity_6-26-2015.pdf).

### **Disability Accommodations**

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations must formally

please visit the following web addresses: <https://www.slu.edu/here4you> and <https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel>.

significantly revised to adhere to a new federal law governing Title IX that was released on May 6, 2020. Please take a moment to review the new policy and information on the following web address: <https://www.slu.edu/here4you>. Please contact the Anna Kratky, the Title IX Coordinator, with any questions or concerns.

### **Attendance Policy**

Attendance is mandatory. Any student with more than **2** unexcused absences automatically has his or her total points reduced by 10 points. All subsequent unexcused absences reduce the grade by **10 points** each time. If for s the student from participating as required they should contact the instructor immediately.

Class sessions will **not** be recorded and so any students missing class should consult with other students to share notes from lecture and with the instructor during office hours in order to seek clarification of have their questions answered.

### **Mandatory Syllabus Statement on Face Masks (until further notice)**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, key safeguards like face masks have allowed SLU to safely maintain in-person learning. If public health conditions and local, state, and federal restrictions demand it, the University may require that all members of our campus community wear face masks indoors.

**Therefore, any time a University-level face mask requirement is in effect, face masks will be required in this class.** This expectation will apply to all students and instructors, unless a medical condition warrants an exemption from the face mask requirement (see below).

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is in effect**, the following will apply:

Students who attempt to enter a classroom without wearing masks will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks prior to entry. Students who remove their masks during a class session will be asked by the instructor to resume wearing their masks.

Students and instructors may remove their masks briefly to take a sip of water but should replace masks immediately. The consumption of food will not be permitted.

Students who do not comply with the expectation that they wear a mask in accordance with the University-wide face mask requirement may be subject to disciplinary actions per the rules, regulations, and policies of Saint Louis University, including but not limited to those outlined in the *Student Handbook*. Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including any of the following:

- dismissal from the course(s)
- removal from campus housing (if applicable)
- dismissal from the University

To immediately protect the health and well-being of all students, instructors, and staff, instructors reserve the right to cancel or terminate any class session at which any student fails to comply with a University-wide face mask requirement.

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is not in effect**, students and instructors may choose to wear a face mask or not, as they prefer for their own individual comfort level.

### **ADA Accommodations for Face Mask Requirements**



4. Consistent with the [University Attendance Policy](#), students may be asked to provide medical to attend and/or participate in class for an extended period of time.