

Ryerson University
Department of Philosophy

**Area Readings – Thomas Hobbes, Precursors and Inheritors
(Summer 2016)**

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Course Description:

This Area Reading Exam will examine major works of Thomas Hobbes, as well as some of his precursors and inheritors.

Evaluation Scheme:

Grades will normally be determined in the following manner:

Task	Due Dates and Submission Information
Short Response Papers: One Summary and One Critical Commentary (Each approx. 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words; Total 8-10 pages; 2000-2500)	Due Dates: Summary – June 17, 2016 Critical Commentary – July 15, 2016
One Essay (8-10 pages; 2000-2500 words); Topic: TBD	Due Date: August 15, 2016 (TBC)

ASSIGNMENTS:

One Expository/ Explication Summary (approximately 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words)
DUE DATE: June 17, 2016

One Critical Commentary (approximately 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words)
DUE DATE: July 15, 2016

The responses are to be graded Pass/Fail, with a Pass on each needed to pass the course.

Essay
8-10 pages; 2000-2500 words

DUE DATE: August 15, 2016 (TBC)
Suggested essay topic to be determined.

Please Note: A grade of A- on the essay is needed to pass the course.

NOTE: Failure to submit all written work by final due date of August, in circumstances that do not fit within Ryerson University policies on accommodation, may result in failing grade.

Schedule of Topics and Readings

Plus Identified Articles

*Note: The selection and sequencing of readings will be developed as an iterative process, with the potential for revision as the course progresses, depending on interests, discovery of additional materials, and the pace of discussion.

PRELIMINARY READING LIST (Note: only a selection of these items are to be covered during the ARE):

1. Hobbes, Thomas. 1991. *De Cive*. In *Man And Citizen*. Edited by Bernard Gert. Hackett Publishing.
2. Hobbes, Thomas. 1991. *De Homine*. In *Man And Citizen*. Edited by Bernard Gert. Hackett Publishing.
3. Hobbes, Thomas. 1651. *Leviathan*. Cambridge University Press. Pelican Classics.
4. Machiavelli, Niccolo. 2005. *The Prince*. Translated by George Bull. Penguin Books.
5. MacPherson, C.B. 1962. *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*. Oxford University Press.
6. MacPherson, C.B. 1968. "Introduction" to Hobbes, *Leviathan*. Pelican Classics.
7. Schmitt, Carl. 1932. *Legality and Legitimacy*. Translated by Jeffrey Seitzer. Duke University Press, 2004.
8. Schmitt, Carl. 1938. *The Leviathan in the State Theory of Thomas Hobbes: Meaning and Failure of a Political Symbol*. Translated by George and Schwab & Erna Hilfstein. Greenwood Press, 1996.
9. Strauss, Leo. 1963. *Political Philosophy of Hobbes: Its Basis and Its Genesis*. University of Chicago Press.
10. Tuck, Richard. 1991. "Introduction" to Hobbes, *Leviathan*. Cambridge University Press.

Additional Sources:

11. Malcolm, Noel. 2002. *Aspects of Hobbes*. Clarendon.