

Office Hours: 1:10-2;
T & Th 12-1 and 2:40-3:30
or by appointment

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PSCI 431, Fall 2010
Acland 5 (x5598)

AMBITION & POLITICS

“Political Science involves the love of justice, the love of glory, and the love of ruling.”
Allan Bloom, *The Closing of the American Mind*

Texts

Homer, *Iliad* (trans. Lattimore)
Xenophon, *Education of Cyrus* (trans. Ambler)
Machiavelli, *Prince* (trans. Mansfield)
Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*
Hamilton & Madison, *Federalist Papers*
Franklin, *Autobiography*
Penn Warren, *All the King's Men*
Bullock, *Hitler: a study in tyranny*
Goodwin, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*

Articles (@moodle.kenyon.edu)

Douglas Adair, “Fame and the Founding Fathers”
Paul Rahe, “Fame, Founders, and the Idea of Founding in the Eighteenth Century”
Abraham Lincoln, “Address before the Young Men’s Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois” (1838)
Richard Hofstadter, “Abraham Lincoln and the Self-Made Myth”

Requirements

A short (6-8 page) paper, due early in the semester (Oct. 1) and a long (12-15 page) paper, due at the end of the semester (Dec. 10). Note that final paper *topics* are due before Thanksgiving Break). Late papers will be penalized one grade increment per day (Yikes!). Over the course of the semester, you must also submit **four** (2-3 page) Response Papers, due at the beginning of the class (details to come). Regular attendance and active participation in the discussion of the assigned readings is expected and graded. More than one absence will automatically result in a deduction of your course grade

Grading

Short paper (25%), long paper (50%), participation/attendance/response papers (25%).

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READING SCHEDULE

August	30	Introduction: Ambition & Politics
September	6	Homer, <i>Iliad</i> (1, 3, 6, 9, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24)
	13	Xenophon, <i>Education of Cyrus</i> (Books I-IV)
	20	Xenophon, <i>Education of Cyrus</i> (Books V-VIII) PAPER #1 assigned (due Friday October 1 at noon)
	27	Machiavelli, <i>Prince</i> (Dedicatory letter and Books 1-14)
October	1	PAPER #1 due at 5 pm. Please put it in my Horwitz House box.
	4	Machiavelli, <i>Prince</i> (Books 15-26)
	11	Shakespeare, <i>Julius Caesar</i>
	18	<i>Federalist Papers</i> (#'s 10, 51, 68-72) & *Adair, <i>Fame...</i> (*@moodle)
	25	Franklin, <i>Autobiography</i>
November	1	*Lincoln, <i>Lyceum Speech</i> & *Hofstadter, <i>Lincoln</i> (*@moodle)
	8	Penn Warren, <i>All the King's Men</i> (c.1-5, pp. 1-342)
	15	Penn Warren, <i>All the King's Men</i> (c.6-10, pp. 343-661)
	19	Final Paper Topics due
	22	Thanksgiving Break: no class
	29	Bullock, <i>Hitler: a study in tyranny</i> Chapters 1-5, 7, 14.
December	6	Goodwin, <i>Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream</i>
	10	Final Paper due (Horwitz House box)