

Department of Philosophy
Applied Ethics
PHIL 4310
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Central to the concept of ethics is how, once we have ascertained the right thing to do, is how to get people to behave accordingly. In other words, this course in Applied Ethics is a course in Applied Power. Through a careful examination of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, we shall see how Ethics is enforced through an assortment of political, military, religious, and judicial manipulations.

Course Text:

Machiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince* Trans. Peter Bondanella, Oxford University Press, 2008 ISBN 978-0-19-953569-9

Course Evaluation:

Two Seminar Presentation	75%
Classroom Contribution	25%

Schedule of Dates (Subject to Revision):

Sept 15	Introduction and Movie <i>King Rat</i> (1965) Directed by Bryan Forbes
Sept 22	Sections I, II, and III: <i>How Many Types of Principalities There Are and the Way They Are Acquired, On Hereditary Principalities, and On Mixed Principalities</i>

- Sept 29 IV, V, VI: *Why the Kingdom of Darius, Which Was Occupied by Alexander, Did Not, After the Death of Alexander, Rebel against his Successors, and How Cities or Principalities That Lived by Their Own Laws Before They Were Occupied Should be Governed, and On New Principalities Acquired by Means of One's Own Arms and Ingenuity*
- Oct 6 VII, VIII, IX: *On New Principalities Acquired with the Arms and Fortunes of Others: On Those Who Have Become Princes Through Iniquity and On the Civil Principality*
- Oct 12 X, XI, XII: *and How the Strength of All Principalities Should be Determined and On Ecclesiastical Principalities and The Different Kinds of Troops and Mercenary Soldiers*
- Oct 19 XIII, XIV: *On Auxiliary, Mixed, and Native Troops and What a Prince Should do with Regard to the Militia*
- Oct 26 XV, XVI: *On Those Things for Which Men, and Especially Princes, Are Praised or Blamed and ON Generosity and Parsimony*
- Nov 3 XVII, XVIII: *On Cruelty and Compassion; and Whether It is Better to Be Loved than Feared or The Opposite and How a Prince Should Keep His Word*
- Nov 10 XIX, XX: *On Avoiding Being Disdained and Hated and Whether Fortresses and Many Other Things Which Princes Use Frequently Are Useful or Harmful*
- Nov 17 XXI, XXII: *How a Prince Should Act to Acquire Esteem and On the Private Counselors a Prince Has*
- Nov 24 XXIII, XXIV: *How Flatterers Are to Be Avoided and Why the Princes of Italy Have Lost Their States*
- Dec 1 XXV, XXVI: *How Much Fortune Can Do in Human Affairs and How to Contend With It and Exhortation to Take Hold of Italy and Liberate Her from the Barbarians*

SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS

E-mail Communication

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When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Drop Date

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2010 courses, without academic penalty, is **Thursday November 4**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar:

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Copies of out-of-class assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Academic Misconduct

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Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

Resources

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