

LSU Political Theory General Exam Reading List:

Main List

Plato: *Republic, Apology, Euphythro, Crito*

Aristotle: *Politics and Ethics*

Aquinas: *Treatise on Law*

Machiavelli: *Prince and Discourses*

Hobbes: *Leviathan*, Parts I and II

Locke: *Second Treatise on Government, Letter on Toleration*

Rousseau: *First and Second Discourses, Social Contract*

Kant: *Political Writings*

Tocqueville: *Democracy in America*

Marx: *Communist Manifesto*, Selections from *Das Kapital* and *German Ideology*

Nietzsche: *Beyond Good and Evil*

Strauss: *Natural Right and History, What is Political Philosophy*, ch. 1-3

Voegelin: *New Science of Politics*

Arendt: *Human Condition*

Specialty lists (choose one):

1. Ancient Historians: Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon, Tacitus, Plutarch
2. Medieval thought: Augustine, Alfarabi, Averroes, Maimonides, Marsilius
3. Early Modern Thought: More, Bacon, Descartes, Spinoza, Montesquieu
4. Enlightenment Thought: Hume, Smith, Burke, Hegel, Mill
5. 20th century thought: Schmitt, Heidegger, Kojeve, Oakeshott, Rawls
6. American: *The Federalist*, Jefferson,, Lincoln, DuBois, Dewey, etc.