

Course Outline

Course Purpose: The topic for this course this semester is the life, thought and influence of Machiavelli on the relationship between the cosmos, human nature, ethics and politics.

Required Texts:

- (1) DeGrazia, Machiavelli in Hell
- (2) Bondanella and Musa, The Portable Machiavelli
- (3) Viroli, Maurizio, How to Read Machiavelli
- (4) Machiavelli, Clizia

Lecture/Discussion Topics and Assignments

<u>Week</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
<u>Week#1</u> Introducing Machiavelli	Read B&M, pp. 9-40 and Viroli, pp. 1-12
<u>Weeks #2 and #3</u> Machiavelli's Life, World View and Times	Read De Grazia, <u>Machiavelli In Hell</u> , and B&M, pp. 53-76 and Viroli, pp. 19-27
<u>Week #4</u> Reading the <u>Mandragola</u> (Mandrake)	Read B&M, pp. 430-479
<u>Week #5</u> Reading the <u>Clizia</u>	Read the <u>Clizia</u> , the entire text
<u>Week #6</u> Reading the Prince I: Yes to Moses, Cyrus Romulus and Cesare Borgia – No to Agathocles, King Louis XII, Oliverotto da Fermo, and Savonarola	Read B&M, pp. 77-126
<u>Week #7</u> Reading the Prince II: Virtu and Fortuna	Read B&M, pp. 126-166

Week#8

Machiavelli's Teachings on Ethics and Politics: Does the End Justify the Means? Did Machiavelli Teach This Doctrine?

Read Viroli, pp. 28-37 and pp. 40-45

Week#9

MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Week #10

The Discourses I:

Read Viroli, pp. 47-56 and pp. 83-90

Social Conflicts and the Republic: The Virtue of the People

Read B&M, pp. 167-200

Roman Leaders and Glory: Yes to Romulus and Scipio, No to Caesar

Read B&M, pp. 200-207
Read Viroli, pp. 57-65

Weeks #11 and 12

Discourses II:

Read Viroli, pp. 67-73

The Good and Bad Republic

Read B&M, pp. 207-348

Republican, Government, Conspiracies, and Liberty

Read Viroli, pp. 75-82 and pp. 91-97

Read B&M, pp. 351-418

Week #13

Politics As the Art of War and the Life of Castruccio Castracani

Read B&M, pp. 480-547

Weeks #14 and #15

Coda: Cosimo de Medici and the Republic of Florence

Read B&M, pp. 548-574

Interpreting Machiavelli

FINAL EXAMINATION – MONDAY, MAY 10, 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Course Requirements:

There will be a midterm worth 25% of your grade.

There will be a final worth 25% of your grade

Class participation will be worth 20% of your grade.

A 15 page typed paper, double-spaced, will be worth 30% of your grade and will be due no later than April 26 at the time of class. No late papers will be accepted!

Make-ups for midterms or finals will only be given when a fully documented medical or personal crisis is provided to the professor's satisfaction.

All cell phones must be shut off. Should a student's cell phone ring during class, that student will be asked to leave the class for that day. All forms of digital communication are prohibited in class, including laptops.

Office Hours:

My office is in Welles Building – Room 3C. My office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 – 3:45 p.m. You must make an appointment with the Department Secretary, Diane Lounsbury at 245-5371.