

**\*\*Disclaimer\*\***

This syllabus is to be used as a guideline only. The information provided is a summary of topics to be covered in the class. Information contained in this document such as assignments, grading scales, due dates, office hours, required books and materials may be from a previous semester and are subject to change. Please refer to your instructor for the most recent version of the syllabus.

**CEL 598 Special Topics: "City, Nation, & Globe: Debating Forms of Community"**

**\*\*\*NB: This is a temporary, incomplete syllabus; revised version to follow!**

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Course Dates: July 5 – July 28, 2022

Course Meeting Times: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9:00am – 12:00pm

***Description:***

This course examines ancient and modern texts of political philosophy to engage numerous debates over the forms of political community. Questions and topics include--but are not limited to--the advantages and disadvantages of different political forms; the underlying motivations for, and dynamics of, various political bodies; the things that hold communities and peoples together; the reasons forms persist, metamorphose, or collapse; and the drive toward human unity or unification.

***Required Texts:***

John Quincy Adams' Fourth of July Address in 1821 [provided]

Aristotle, *Politics* [excerpts provided]

"Lowell-Lodge Debate" (Joint Debate on the Covenant of Paris, *League of Nations*, Henry Cabot Lodge and A. Lawrence Lowell) [provided]

Pierre Manent, *A World Beyond?* (Princeton U Press, 2013)

ISBN: 978-0691125671

Pierre Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights* (U Notre Dame Press, 2020)

ISBN: 978-0268107215

Pierre Manent, *Democracy without Nations?* (ISI Press, 2013)

ISBN: 978-1610170840

Niccolò Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*, Trans. Harvey Mansfield and Nathan Tarcov (U Chicago Press, 1998)

ISBN: 978-0226500362

Plutarch, *Lives* [excerpts provided]

Shakespeare, *Antony and Cleopatra* (Signet Mass Market Paperback, 1998)

ISBN: 978-0451527134

George Washington's *Farewell Address* [provided]

Xenophon, *Education of Cyrus*, Trans. Wayne Ambler (Cornell U Press, 2001)

ISBN: 978-0801487507

## **Course Requirements:**

### ***Class Participation:***

Students will be expected to have completed the reading assignments associated with each week in advance of our class meetings, and come prepared to discuss them. Participation grading will depend upon the quality of participation rather than overall quantity; quality participation is thoughtful, respectful, related to the readings and topics under discussion, and consistent over the course of the session.

### ***Weekly Papers:***

Students will write one paper of 5-6 double-spaced pages in length (Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1 in. margins) *for each of the four weeks*. These papers will be due by 11:59 p.m. (Arizona Time) on Friday. Papers should be submitted through the appropriate link on the course Canvas page.

## **Tentative Reading Schedule**

### ***America, the Debate over Political Forms, and the Human Political Condition***

#### **T July 5**

United States Declaration of Independence  
George Washington's *Farewell Address*  
John Quincy Adams' Fourth of July Address in 1821  
Lowell-Lodge Debate  
Manent, *A World Beyond*, Chs. 1-6

#### **W July 6**

Manent, *A World Beyond*, Chs. 7-15

#### **TH July 7**

Manent, *A World Beyond*, Chs. 16-18  
Aristotle Bks. 1, 3, & 7

### ***Ancient Empire and its Limits?***

#### **T July 12**

Xenophon, *Education of Cyrus*

#### **W July 13**

Xenophon, *Education of Cyrus*

#### **TH July 14**

Xenophon, *Education of Cyrus*  
Plutarch, *Lives* (excerpts)

*Modern Empire and its Limitlessness?*

**T July 19**

Machiavelli, *Discourses*

**W July 20**

Machiavelli, *Discourses*

**TH July 21**

Machiavelli, *Discourses*

*Globalization, the Nation, and the Form(s) of Human Action*

**T July 26**

Shakespeare, *Antony & Cleopatra*

**W July 27**

Manent, *Democracy without Nations?*

Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights*

**TH July 28**

Manent, *Natural Law and Human Rights*