

# Political Science 209: Introduction to Political Theory

## Discussion Section

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### *Section Times & Locations:*

- Monday 11:00      113 Ingraham
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- Wednesday 8:50      113 Ingraham
- Wednesday 9:55      52 Bascom
- Wednesday 12:05      434 Education

Welcome to discussion section! This is your opportunity *not only* to ask questions about the course and review important concepts but to discuss the material and probe more deeply into important issues of political theory. You can expect me to work as hard as I can to help you in the class, and I will expect you to attend lecture, to do *and think about* the readings, and to ask questions and voice concerns along the way. The more you communicate with me, the better I'll be able to help you.

**GRADES** (pay attention here): As the TA for the course, I will be grading all of your written work throughout the semester. A portion of your final grade will also be determined by your attendance of and participation in discussion section. Participation means active and informed involvement in our discussion *every week*. If, however, you are particularly hesitant about speaking in class (for whatever reason), you can get participation credit by coming to my office hours to discuss the course material one-on-one. As for attendance, you can miss one section in the semester without penalty (for whatever reason). After that, your grade will be affected. If something more serious arises, though, or if you are a student athlete who will have to miss class more regularly, please come see me. I can be reasonable; we'll work something out.

Finally, note that plagiarism and academic dishonesty are *not tolerated* and may result in failure of the course. If you have any questions as to what constitutes plagiarism or when and how to cite sources, ask me or consult the appropriate University policy.

I look forward to a great semester!