

ECO 4305H (Honors)
Free Markets and Free Minds

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Textbook: None. All required reading materials will be in the form of handouts provided by the professor.

Readings: The Godless Constitution by Isaac Kramnick and R. Laurence Moore
“The English Roots of the Secular State”

Common Sense by Thomas Paine

Vices Are Not Crimes by Lysander Spooner

Instead of a Book by Benjamin Tucker
“State Socialism and Anarchism”
“The Relation of the State to the Individual”
“Socialism: What It Is”
“Karl Marx as Friend and Foe”

The Discovery of Freedom by Rose Wilder Lane
“Communism”
“The Planned Economies”

The God of the Machine by Isabel Paterson
“The Humanitarian with the Guillotine”
“Our Japanized Educational System”

The Virtue of Selfishness by Ayn Rand
“Collectivized Ethics”
“Racism”

Drawing the Line by Paul Goodman
“A Touchstone for the Libertarian Program”
“A Causerie at the Military-Industrial”

The Radical Will by Randolph Bourne
“The State”

“Ballots and Bullets” by Murray Rothbard
Power and Market by Murray Rothbard
“Fundamentals of Intervention”

Objective of the course: To acquaint students with an important part of the American intellectual heritage---the current of individualistic, pro-liberty thought that has long flowed through the society, but which is often ignored today. The readings will range across topics as diverse as the right of a free people to revolt against an oppressive government, anarchism, government censorship, war, the welfare state, public education, and the ethical roots of statism. Included will be the views of anarchists, right-wing libertarians, left-wing libertarians, several women, and one gay anti-war activist.

Outline of the Course

Readings from Kramnick/Moore, Paine, Spooner, and Tucker	Exam #1
Readings from Lane, Paterson, and Rand	Exam #2
Readings from Goodman, Bourne, and Rothbard	Final Exam

All exams will consist entirely of essay questions. The Final Exam is *mandatory* but *not comprehensive*. There will be no makeup tests. If you are absent for one of the tests, you will be required to submit a 10-12 page research paper in place of the test.

Each exam will be worth a maximum of 100 points. Your grade will be determined as follows:

- A = 270-300 points
- B = 240-269 points
- C = 210-239 points
- D = 180-209 points
- F = 0-179 points

Class attendance, careful note taking, and class participation are essential to success in this course.

The State of Texas mandates that the following be included on all course syllabi:

Students with Disabilities

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