POLI 1002 - HONORS: Fundamental Issues of Politics

This course is an enhanced version of POLI 1001, "Fundamental Issues of Politics," the syllabus for which is below. You will be fully a part of that class and will be expected to meet all the requirements for that course, but will have a few extra assignments and opportunities. The course is divided into five segments; during each segment, at a time that proves convenient to all of you and to me, we will hold an extra seminar for about an hour. I'll assign one extra reading for most seminars and ask you to write a 250-word about it; we'll use these to begin our discussion. Grading for the whole course will be adjusted slightly to account for the extra work involved.

I. WAR AND PEACE (supplement)
- Aquinas on Just War: SUMMA THEOLOGICA II-II q. 40
- 250-word essay for WAR AND PEACE

II. WEALTH AND POVERTY (supplement)
- Adam Smith, WEALTH OF NATIONS, Book V, Chapter 1, Part 3, article 2
- 250-word essay on WEALTH AND POVERTY

III. FIRST PRINCIPLES (supplement)
- Leo Strauss, "What Is Political Philosophy?" JOURNAL OF POLITICS 19 (1957): 343-368
- 250-word essay for FIRST PRINCIPLES

IV. FORMING AND REFORMING GOVERNMENT (supplement)
- James Madison, NOTES ON THE DEBATES IN THE FEDERAL CONVENTION
- 250-word essay on FORMING AND REFORMING GOVERNMENT

V. CHARACTER AND CULTURE (supplement)
- 250-word essay on CHARACTER AND CULTURE

Grading for POLI 1002

The following is the distribution of grades for POLI 1002, where the quizzes, tests, and exam are the same ones given in POLI 1001. The five 250-word essays for discussion seminars will be equally weighted.

- Daily quizzes [20%]
- In-class test (Fri, Mar 1) [15%]
- In-class test (Fri, Apr 12) [15%]
- Five 250-word essays for discussion seminars [20%]
- Final Exam (Sat, May 11, 10:00 am - noon) [30%]