

I have ordered a large number of texts for this seminar. You may buy what you wish. Some others, all of *De Corpore*, *Objections to Descartes*, *Comments on White*, etc. will be available in photocopy. We will use Tuck edition of *Leviathan*, and Curley's translation of *Ethics*.

* below indicates what we will read and discuss during the seminars

Hobbes, Thomas

1588, 5 April, born

1629, Translation of Thucydides, *History of Peloponnesian War*

1637 *A Briefe of the Art of Rhetoric*

1640 written, *Elements of Law Natural and Politic*

(published 1650 as **Human Nature and De Corpore Politico*)

*1641 *Objections to Descartes' Meditations* (Third Set)

1642 (2nd edition 1647) *De Cive*

1651 *Philosophical Rudiments concerning Government and Society*

1643, drafted reply to Thomas White's *De Mundo*

*1651 *Leviathan, or The Matter, Form and Power of a Commonwealth*

*1655 *De Corpore*

1656 *Elements of Philosophy, the first Section concerning Body*

1657 *De Homine* (Latin only)

1662 *Considerations upon the Reputation, Loyalty, Manners and Religion of Thomas Hobbes* (answer to Wallis)

1670 drafted *Behemoth* (published 1679)

1679, 3 December died

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Spinoza, Benedict de (or Baruch or Beneto)

1632, 24 November born

1656 excommunicated

1656-61 approx. Treatise on the Emendation of the Intellect

c. 1662 Short treatise on God, Man and Well Being

*1663 *Parts I and II of Rene Descartes's Principles of Philosophy demonstrated in the geometric manner (plus Metaphysical Thoughts)*

1670 *Theological-Political Treatise*

1675 draft of the **Ethics* ready for publisher

1677 died, February 21

1677 friends publish, *Ethics*, correspondence, *Treatise*, *Political Treatise* and a Hebrew Grammar

Schedule:

31 August Introduction to 17th Century systematic philosophy

7 Sept. Hobbes, Objections to Descartes (Descartes' Replies)

14 NO CLASS (to be rescheduled)

21 Leviathan I

28 Leviathan II

Make Up date, De Corpore I

5 Oct. De Corpore II

12 De Corpore III

19 De Corpore III to end

26 Human Nature and Reply to White

2 Nov. Spinoza. Principles of Descartes' Philosophy

9 Ethics I

16 Ethics I (cont.)

23 Ethics II

30 Ethics III

7 Dec. Ethics IV-V

Requirements:

1. 2 seminar presentations. 45 minutes in length; One on Hobbes, the other on Spinoza. These presentations should deal with passages of text that will be discussed that day. Each presentation should summarize the text (15 minutes) and then critically discuss some of the interpretive problems (either of the passages themselves or how they comport with the rest of the work or with other parts of the author's writings.)

2. Term paper, due