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PREREQUISITES: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

John Stuart Mill’s deep revision of Benthamite utilitarianism and his subsequent reflections on political philosophy and practice made him one of the most influential thinkers of the 19th century, as well as an important historical founder modern liberal thought. We will explore some of his most important pieces, beginning with Utilitarianism, which (though written later than On Liberty) was the culmination of his earlier work and lays the ethical foundations for all his other thinking. From there we will move to On Liberty, applying utilitarian principles to the key political problem of the balance between authority and freedom in civil society. Next, we will look at the first half of this work Considerations on Representative Government, and we will close by briefly taking up The Subjection of Women. In all we will be looking to lay out both his core principles and key applications.

REQUIRED TEXTS

### WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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| **Week 1**  
Date: June 22 | Mill | *Utilitarianism*, chaps. 1-3  
with supplementary passages from Bentham |
| **Week 2**  
Date: June 29 | Mill | *Utilitarianism*, chaps 4,5 |
| **Week 3**  
Date: July 6 | Mill | *Utilitarianism*, discussion of chap. 5 continued,  
Supplement: “Use of the Death Penalty” |
| **Week 4**  
Date: July 13 | Mill | *On Liberty*, chaps. 1-2 |
| **Week 5**  
Date: July 20 | Mill | *On Liberty*, chaps. 3-5 |
| **Week 6**  
Date: July 27 | Mill | *Considerations of Representative Government*, chaps 1-6 |
| **Week 7**  
Date: Aug 3 | Mill | *Considerations of Representative Government*, chaps. 7-10 |
| **Week 8**  
Date: Aug 10 | Mill | *The Subjection of Women*  
Supplementary historical information |

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