

FINAL PAPER

DUE: 3/27/2017 11:59PM

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS: Answer one of the questions below writing 6-8 pages in total (double-spaced, 12pt font). Grading will be blind. *Please put your student ID number on your submission. Do not include your name anywhere in your submission.*

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Upload an electronic copy of your responses to TurnItIn (for this purpose a link will be set up on the course website).

COMMENT: Questions 1 and 2 below both require the student to independently grapple with a primary text not discussed in lecture or section. If you've successfully kept up the course, you ought to now find yourself with the requisite background knowledge to do this skillfully and intelligently. The texts in question are posted to the course website under the self-explanatory headings: 'Q1 Supplementary Reading' and 'Q2 Supplementary Reading'. Both are very very short.

1. Explain Al-Farabi's account of the democratic city in sections 113-117 of his treatise *The Political Regime*. Why does Farabi think the democratic city is inferior to the best kind of city humanly attainable—i.e the virtuous city under the rule of a philosopher-prophet who possesses the art of kingship? Might Farabi think that some communities in some circumstances *ought* establish democratic governance?
2. Explain Avicenna's theory of the five faculties of internal apprehension, focusing especially on his account of *wahm* ('estimation') and making use of the relevant supplementary reading document.
3. Invent your own topic (approval from Aaron West required).