

PHI 2000 ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

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Tele.: 581-8468 **Hours: 10-11 MWF, 1-2 Thurs. (Or by Appt.)**

In this course we will be discussing the major foundational figures in ancient philosophy. The course will focus on the crucial thinkers in developing the western philosophical tradition, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, although it will also cover the Pre-Socratic philosophers.

Grading and Course Instructions:

There will be two one-hour tests and a final exam, each of which will be primarily essay in nature and worth one-fourth of the course grade. There will also be a short paper assignment, which will be worth one-fourth of the course grade. Details on the paper assignment will be given later in the course.

Since philosophy classes benefit from class interaction, students who participate constructively in class may be given a bonus on their final grade.

Academic integrity:

Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU's Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>).

Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards. In addition, anyone cheating on any exam or plagiarizing the paper will receive an "F" for the semester.

Students with disabilities:

If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217-581-6583 to make an appointment.

The Student Success Center:

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center (www.eiu.edu/~success) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Textbooks:

The textbooks for this course are:

Presocratics Reader, edited by Patricia Curd,

Plato: Complete Works, edited by John M. Cooper

Aristotle: Selected Works, edited by Hippocrates Apostle.

Reading Assignments:

Since this class will put an emphasis on analysis and discussion, exact dates for reading assignments will not be given at the beginning of the semester, to allow greater flexibility. All assignments will be given either one or two periods in advance.

TENTATIVE general schedule:

PRE-SOCRATIC PHILOSOPHERS, AND COURSE INTRODUCTION: Three weeks
Selections from Curd.

SOCRATES: Two weeks

Readings from Cooper:

Meno

Euthyphro

Apology-Crito-Phaedo (selections)

First Exam: End of Week 5 [Approx. Date Sept. 21]

PLATO: Five weeks

Readings from Cooper:

Republic

Statesman-Laws (selections)

Theaetetus (selections)

Second Exam: End of Week 10 [Approx. Date Oct. 26]

ARISTOTLE: Four weeks

Readings from Apostle (Book #'s in Roman numerals, Chapters in standard (Arabic) numbers)

Categories (4, 5)

Propositions (1, 9)

Physics (II--2, 3)

On the Soul [De Anima] (I--1; II--1, 12; III--4, 5, 7)

Metaphysics (I—1, 3-5, 9; IV—1; VII—16; XII—7)

Ethics (I—all; II—1; X—7, 10)

Politics (I—1, 5, 6; III—7)

Optional Early Due Date for Paper: End of Week 13 [November 17, 4:30 PM]

POST-ARISTOTELIAN PHILOSOPHY: One week

FINAL PAPER DUE DATE: END OF WEEK 15 [DECEMBER 8, 4:30 PM]

FINAL EXAM: FINALS WEEK [WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8:00 AM]