

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Module Title	Introduction to Classical Greek Philosophy
Module Code	PHIL 230
Module Credits	4
Pre-requisites (<i>including Year 1</i>)	N/A

Description

Course Overview
<p>This course provides an introductory exploration of the Greek philosophical tradition, tracing its origins from the "Presocratic" thinkers to the conclusion of the classical period. Our journey will commence with an examination of the Ionian cosmologists, Parmenides, and early Atomism, setting the foundation for a deeper dive into the significant works of Plato and Aristotle. These works will engage with fundamental topics such as knowledge, virtue, and their role in leading a fulfilling life.</p> <p>In alignment with these central themes, students will acquire the skills necessary for the analysis of philosophical texts, the reconstruction and assessment of arguments, and the ability to contribute to philosophical discourse by crafting critical responses.</p>
Method of Teaching and Learning
<p>This module will be taught using a combination of lectures, tutorials and consultation hours. Learning will also be reinforced by appropriate readings from the course text.</p>
Syllabus
<p>Modules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction, Historical Overview <i>Part I - The Presocratics</i> 2. Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes 3. Heraclitus - Reading: Kirk, Raven, & Schofield (hereafter KRS), Ch6 4. Parmenides - Reading: KRS, Ch8; Lesley Brown, "The verb 'to be' in Greek philosophy" 5. Atomism - Leucippus & Democritus - Reading: KRS, Ch15 6. The Presocratics in Review; Socrates & Plato - Reading: KRS, Ch15 <i>Part II - Plato</i> 7. Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i> - Reading: <i>Euthyphro</i> 8. Plato, <i>Meno</i> - Reading: <i>Meno</i> 9. Plato, <i>Protagoras</i> - Reading: <i>Protagoras</i> 10. Plato, <i>Republic</i> - Reading: <i>Republic Books I-II</i>

11. *Plato, Republic* - Reading: *Republic Book IV*
12. *Plato, Republic* - Reading: *Republic Book V*
13. *Plato, Republic* - Reading: *Republic Book VI-VII*
- Part III - Aristotle*
14. *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics* - Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics I*
15. *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics* - Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics II-III*
16. *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics* - Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics VI*
17. *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics* - Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics VII*
18. *Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics* - Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics X*
19. *Aristotle, Physics* - Reading: *Physics I, Chs. 1, 7, 8*
20. *Aristotle, Physics* - Reading: *Physics II, Chs. 1-3*
21. *Aristotle, Metaphysics Alpha* - Reading: *Metaphysics Alpha*
22. *Conclusion and Review*
- Final Exam*

Assessment

Assessment Type	% of Final Mark
Paper 1	30%
Paper 2	30%
Final Exam	20%
Homework	10%
Course Participation	10%

Range	Letter Grade
90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
< 60%	U

Textbooks

Mandatory Textbooks

Title	Editor/Author	ISBN/Publisher
Plato: Complete Works	John M. Cooper	9780872203495/Hackett Publishing Co.
Nicomachean Ethics	Terence Irwin	9780872204645/Hackett Publishing Co.

Optional Textbooks

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Reference Textbooks

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