

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline
Winter 2023

Philosophy 3006F (001)
Aristotle

Fall Term Blended	Instructor: N/A
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DESCRIPTION

Ancient Greek philosophy—and some say, philosophy itself—reached its zenith with the arrival of Aristotle. Aristotle is arguably the most influential and prolific thinker in the history of human thought. His ideas revolutionized practically every area of inquiry from logic to biology to psychology to politics. This course will provide students with an introduction to the major themes in the Aristotelian corpus. Sections include: metaphysics and ontology; philosophy of science; nature, change, and explanation; life and living things; psychology (including sense-perception, memory, and the psychology of dreaming); ethics and politics (including Aristotle's theory of pleasure, constitutional theory, and the causes of political revolutions).

This is a blended course. One hour per week will be online, during which time students are expected to listen to the weekly podcast-style lectures (available on OWL). The two hours of in-person class will be devoted to discussion of the course material.

TEXTS

Aristotle: Complete Works: revised Oxford translation. Volumes 1 & 2. Edited by Johnathan Barnes.

The UWO Bookstore will have some hard copies in stock. However, there are electronic versions available through the library:

OBJECTIVES

This course has two objectives. The first is to give students of philosophy an introduction to the origins and foundations of their discipline, including the problems that define it. The second is to help students develop their ability to read and understand difficult philosophical texts and to reflect on the ideas and arguments they offer us. These are basic skills that every well-rounded philosopher should have.

REQUIREMENTS

Assignment	Status	Percentage	Due Date
Class Participation	In class	10%	Weekly
Class Attendance	In class	5%	Weekly
Short Exegetical Assignments	Online	40% (20% x2)	1. Sept 27 2. Oct 18
<u>Final Paper</u> 1. Proposal 2. Outline 3. Essay	—	1. 5% 2. 15% 3. 25%	1. Nov 1 2. Nov 15 3. Dec 6

*See OWL for assignment instructions

POLICY ON THE USE OF A.I.

The use of AI technology to generate content for assignments, revise original content, or otherwise enhance your work is not permitted in this course. All work must be submitted through turnitin.com (on OWL), which uses AI-detection software. If your assignment is flagged by the AI-detection software, you may be asked to meet with the instructor to discuss the content of your assignment as a means of verifying that you wrote it. In that event, the grade for the assignment would be partially dependent on the outcome of that discussion.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES

The **Department of Philosophy Policies** which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Philosophy courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Philosophy website at <http://uwo.ca/philosophy/undergraduate/policies.html>.

It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Philosophy, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

ACCOMMODATION

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The

UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT

The last day of scheduled classes in any course will be the last day on which course assignments will be accepted for credit in a course. Instructors will return assignments to students as promptly as possible (usually within 2 weeks) accompanied by comments from the instructor.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

PLAGIARISM CHECKING

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.