

Philosophy 2200F
Ancient Philosophy
Course Outline



September to December, 2017 Room AHB 3B04 Lectures: T 10.30-12.30; Th 10.30-11.30	Professor John Thorp <jthorp@uwo.ca> Stevenson Hall 4141 Office Hours: T 12.30-1.15 & Th 11.30-12.45
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Description

This course surveys the work of some of the main figures in Ancient Greek philosophy. It is divided into three roughly equal parts. The first studies the Presocratic Philosophers, approximately 600 to 400 BCE. The second and third focus on the work of Plato and Aristotle, the two great intellectual giants of antiquity, approximately 400 -300 BCE. Needless to say, the subject matter here is potentially oceanic in extent: it is perhaps best to think of the course as taking a series of judiciously selected soundings into that ocean.

Objectives

This course has two objectives. First, it seeks to give students a comprehensive overview of the ancient foundations of western thought. Second, the writing of two short essays will enhance students' ability to think, argue, and write clearly – skills that are of universal relevance.

Method of Instruction

Lectures with class discussion.

Requirements

Two short essays (2000-2500 words), due October 19 & December 5, 50%
One final examination during the examination period in December, 40%
Class participation, 10%

Text

Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy from Thales to Aristotle, 5th edition, edited by S. Marc Cohen, Patricia Curd, and C.D.C. Reeve, Indianapolis, Hackett, 2016

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

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