# Fall 2020 Ancient Greek Philosophy Philosophy 325—01

### **Professor:**

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## **Course Information:**

Fully Online, Administered on Canvas

## **Course Description:**

This course surveys the development of Western philosophy from its earliest origins in Greece through the major movements of Hellenistic and Roman philosophy. Something that all the major ancient philosophers share is an overarching concern for how to live a good life, that is, a life that is truly happy and fulfilled. They also share the conviction that in order to answer the question of how one ought to live, one must understand the nature of reality. In this course, therefore, we will study the texts of the ancient philosophers with the following questions in mind. What is the proper way to live in order to be truly happy? What are the objects of knowledge? How is the nature of reality related to the way we should live?

#### Text:

## Rental:

1. Plato: The Complete Works

Hackett

ISBN: 0872203492

2. The Basic Works of Aristotle

Modern Library ISBN: 0375757996

## Purchase

1. The Essential Epicurus: Letters, Principal Doctrines, Vatican Sayings, and Fragments

Prometheus 0879758104

2. Enchiridion

Dover

0486433595

## **Expectations:**

Students are expected to check into Canvas daily in order to check for class announcements, complete assignments, use the discussion board, etc. Please follow the checklist to best increase the chances for success in the class.

- 1. All assignments are set on a weekly schedule. Be sure to complete the reading assignment, quizzes, essays, and exams during the week specified on the course schedule.
- 2. In order to provide maximum flexibility to student schedules, all lectures have been prerecorded and uploaded to Canvas. Please do not share these with anyone outside of the class. See the "Intellectual Property Notice" in the syllabus.
- 3. There will be discussion-based Group Office Hours via Zoom once a week (Thursday mornings from 9:30am—10:00am). Although these sessions are optional and ungraded, they provide a way to get real-time feedback on questions related to the course and to discuss course content. Scheduled sessions can be found in the Zoom tab on Canvas.
- 4. Take advantage of individual office hours. See Canvas "Announcements" tab for full invitation URL and password to join. Please note that a waiting room is enabled so you may have to wait to join in case I am with another student.

#### **Course Goals:**

By carefully examining the foundations of western philosophical thought related to the nature of reality, knowledge, and ethics, students will gain a better understanding of themselves and their role in the world. Students will also develop critical thinking, written, and oral communication skills. By the end of the semester, students will have a better understanding of what it means to be a responsible and self-reflective global citizen.

#### **Grading Criteria:**

Late work will never be accepted unless an extension has been granted by Dr. Horn prior to the due date or a university approved excuse is given. Late work must be complete within one week of returning to the class. Extensions will only be granted in extreme circumstances. Additionally, this course will utilize the Canvas online system to facilitate certain aspects of the class. Canvas will automatically calculate and update grades as the semester progresses. In order to determine your current grade in the class, take the score in the "Total" column and divide by 100. Then use the grading scale below. The goal for the class is to try to earn as many points as possible. Final grades will be calculated based upon the following. Assignments can be completed at any point during the week they are assigned (Sunday—Saturday).

- 1. Three Exams: 70% Total (30% for Exams I and II, 10% for Exam III) Exams will be short-answer and cover the material for the given unit.
- 2. Fifteen Reading Quizzes 30% Total (2% Each)

  There are quizzes associated with most of the readings in the class. Students will have 5 minutes to answer questions on the readings designated on the course schedule (look for Q# on the schedule to see which quiz is associated with each reading). Because there are 20 quizzes on the course schedule, students may earn up to 10% bonus in extra credit for the semester. This also means that you can skip up to 5 quizzes and still earn the full 30% for this part of your grade!

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A Range (90—100%)	B Range (80—89%)	C Range (70—79%)	D Range (60—69%)	F Range (0—59%)
	B+ (87—89)	C+ (77—79)	D+ (67—69)	F (<60)
A (94—100)	B (84—86)	C (74—76)	D (60—66)	
A- (90—93)	B- (80—83)	C- (70—73)		

## **Academic Integrity:**

Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism or helping others to commit these acts will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty will result in severe disciplinary action including, but not limited to, failure of the student assessment item or course, and/or dismissal from the University.

Academic integrity violations include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids, or other devices in any academic exercise. This definition includes unauthorized communication of information during an academic exercise.
- 2) Fabrication and Falsification: Intentional and unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification is a matter of inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.
- 3) Multiple Submissions: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit (including oral reports) more than once without authorization.
- 4) Plagiarism: Intentionally or knowingly presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source). The sole exception to the requirement is when the ideas, information, etc., is common knowledge.
- 5) Complicity in Academic Dishonesty: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf

We will be using an online exam proctoring service called Honorlock in this course. You will be required to use Honorlock for exams in this course. Please see the Honorlock – Student Information module for additional resources. I strongly suggest that you take the Honorlock Practice Exam to familiarize yourself with this process before the first graded exam.

#### **Disability Information:**

Students with disabilities should register with the ADA coordinator on campus and let me know at the beginning of the semester. I would be happy to accommodate you in any way that I can. Just let me know. More information can be found at:

http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf

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#### **Course Schedule:**

# Part I: Plato

Week 1 (August 30—September 5)

Syllabus/Course Introduction

Week 2 (September 6—September 12)

Academic Holiday

Plato, Introductory Lecture

Week 3 (September 13—September 19)

Q1 Plato, "Apology" (17a-42a)

Q2 Plato, Phaedo (57a-70b)

Week 4 (September 20—September 26)

Q3 Plato, Phaedo (70c-94e)

Q4 Plato, Phaedo (102b-118a)

Week 5 (September 27—October 3)

Q5 Plato, Republic II, III (357a-362a; 368c-376d; 412a-417b)

Q6 Plato, Republic IV, IX (433a-445b; 580d-583c)

Week 6 (October 4—October 10)

Q7 Plato, Republic V (473d-480a)

Q8 Plato, Republic VI, VII (504a-511e; 514a-517c)

Week 7 (October 11—October 17)

Q9 Plato, Symposium (172a-201c)

Q10 Plato, Symposium (201d-223d)

Week 8 (October 18—October 24)

Exam I Preparation

Exam I

## Part II: Aristotle

### Week 9 (October 25—October 31) Aristotle, Introductory Lecture Q11 Aristotle, Categories 1-5 (1a1-4b15) Week 10 (November 1—November 7) Physics I.7; II. 1-3, 7-9; IV. 10-14 (189b30-191a20; 192b10-195b30, 198a15-Q12 200b10; 217b30-224a15) Aristotle, Metaphysics VII.1-6, 13-17, XII.6-10 (1028a-1032a10, 1038b1-Q13 1041b30; 1069a20-1072a15) Week 11 (November 8—November 14) Aristotle, De Anima II (412a-1-424b15) Q14 Q15 Aristotle, De Anima III (424b20-435b25) Week 12 (November 15—November 21) Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics I, II (1094a1-1109b25) Q16 Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics VIII, X (1155a1-1163b25); (1172a20-Q17 1181b20) Week 13 (November 22—November 28) Exam II Preparation

## Part III: Pyrrhonian Skepticism, Epicureanism, and Stoicism

Course Evaluations

Exam II

Week 14	Q18 Q19	(November 29—December 5) Sextus Empiricus, The Five Modes; Agrippa's Trilemma—Canvas Epicurus, Principal Doctrines; Letter to Herodotus; Letter to Menoeceus
Week 15	Q20	(December 6—December 12) Epictetus, Enchiridion Exam III Preparation
Week 16		(December 13—December 19) Exam III