

Schedule for Weeks 1 through 6

The readings listed are *tentative*; please check the course website for the most up-to-date schedule.
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Lecture №	Topic	Reading
<i>What is philosophy?</i>		
Tues. May 14	Socrates vs. Athens FIRST MINI-ESSAY ASSIGNED	Plato: <i>Apology</i>
Thur. May 16	Philosophy vs. the sophists	Plato: <i>Euthydemus</i> (selections)
Tues. May 21	Philosophy vs. rhetoric FIRST MINI-ESSAY DUE	Gorgias: <i>Encomium of Helen</i> (online); Plato: <i>Gorgias</i> 447a–466a
Thur. May 24	The Socratic <i>elenchus</i>	Plato: <i>Lesser Hippias</i>
Tues. May 28	Discovering definitions: particular and universal SECOND MINI-ESSAY ASSIGNED	Plato: <i>Greater Hippias</i>
Thur. May 30	Discovering definitions: essence and affect	Plato: <i>Euthyphro</i>
<i>Metaphysics</i>		
Tues. June 4	A surprising ontology: Plato's theory of forms SECOND MINI-ESSAY DUE	Plato: <i>Republic</i> V 475d–480a, <i>Symposium</i> 210a–212a, <i>Phaedo</i> 100b–103c, <i>Republic</i> VI & VII 507b–517c
Thur. June 6	Criticisms of the theory of forms	Plato: <i>Parmenides</i> 126a–135c; Aristotle: <i>On Ideas</i> , “The Third Man Argument” (p. 563 in <i>Selections</i>) (recommended: Aristotle: <i>Metaphysics</i> I.9)
Tues. June 11	An ontological alternative: the Aristotelian categories of beings THIRD ESSAY ASSIGNED	Aristotle: <i>Categories</i> 1–5; Parmenides: fragments (online)
Thur. June 13	The problem of change	Empedocles, Democritus & Leucippus: fragments (online); Aristotle: <i>Physics</i> I.5–8, II.3, <i>De Generatione et Corruptione</i> II.9
<i>Theories of the soul</i>		
Tues. June 18	Platonic dualism	Plato: <i>Phaedo</i> (esp. 64a–67e, 70a–72e, 77d–81a, 85c–88c, 91d–95a, 103c–107a)
Thur. June 20	Aristotelian hylomorphism THIRD ESSAY DUE	Aristotle; <i>De Anima</i> I.1–4, II.1–3, III.4

Schedule for Weeks 7 through 12

Lecture №	Topic	Reading
<i>Epistemology</i>		
Tues. July 2	Knowledge, the senses, & relativism	Heraclitus: fragments (online); Plato: <i>Theaetetus</i> 151d–154a, 157e–160e, 161c–162a, 166d–167d, 170a–171c, 171e–172b, 178c–179b, 182a–183c
Thur. July 4	Knowledge without the senses FOURTH ESSAY ASSIGNED	Presocratics: epistemological fragments (online); Plato: <i>Phaedo</i> 72e–76e
Tues. July 9	Knowledge from the senses	Aristotle: <i>Posterior Analytics</i> II.19; Hellenistic schools: epistemological fragments (online)
Thur. July 11	Against knowledge: Pyrrhonian Scepticism	Sextus: <i>Outlines</i> I.i–xiii, xv, xviii–xxviii; II.ii–vii
<i>Ethics</i>		
Tues. July 16	<i>Nomos</i> vs. <i>physis</i> , nature vs. convention	<i>Dissoi Logoi</i> (online); Antiphon: <i>On Justice</i> (online); Plato: <i>Republic</i> I 336b–344c, <i>Gorgias</i> 481b–495a
Thur. July 18	The importance of being virtuous FOURTH ESSAY DUE	Plato: <i>Republic</i> II 358e–362c, <i>Gorgias</i> 466a–481b
Tues. July 23	An analysis of virtue	Aristotle: <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> I.1–2, 7, 8, 13; II.1, 6–7 (recommended: Aristotle: <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> VI)
Thur. July 25	The pleasures of being virtuous FIFTH ESSAY ASSIGNED	Plato: <i>Republic</i> IX 580b–588a; Aristotle: <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> X.4–5
Tues. July 30	The temptation of pleasure: psychic conflict, the divided soul, & <i>akrasia</i>	Plato: <i>Republic</i> IV 436a–441c, <i>Phaedrus</i> 246a–b, 253d–254e; Aristotle: <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> VII.1–3; Plato: <i>Protagoras</i> 353a–357e, <i>Meno</i> 77c–78a
Thur. Aug. 1	The goodness of pleasure: Epicurean ethics	Cicero: <i>On Moral Ends</i> I.13–72, II.1–38, 82–92, 104–108
Tues. Aug. 6	The goodness of virtue: Stoic and Peripatetic ethics	Cicero: <i>On Moral Ends</i> III.1–61; IV.1–43, 56–60, 69–72; V.9–12, 24–40, 59–60, 71–72, 77–86
Thur. Aug. 8	Wrap-up & review FIFTH ESSAY DUE	