



University of International Business and Economics International Summer School

PHI 120 History of Ancient Philosophy

Term: July 2 – August 2, 2018

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day

Office Hours: TBD

Discussion Session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 66 contact hours (45 minutes each)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to various philosophical problems raised and addressed in ancient Greek philosophy. The course covers a broad time period, from the pre-Socratics (roughly 6th c. BCE) through Socrates, Plato and Aristotle to the period known as Hellenistic philosophy (ending in the 2nd c. CE). It assumes familiarity with the general substance and methods of analytic philosophy.

Course Goals:

The expectation is that students will finish this class with an understanding of some of the central philosophical problems with which ancient philosophers wrestled, and will have an appreciation for the interest and continued relevance of those problems today. Ideally, students will see how central concepts and themes are passed on, develop and grow throughout ancient philosophical history.

Required Textbook:

(FD) Grube, G.M.A. (tr.) (2002). Plato: Five Dialogues (Indianapolis: Hackett)

(EGP) Barnes, J. (tr.) (2002). Early Greek Philosophy (New York: Penguin Classics)

(A) Irwin, T, et al. (trs.) (1995). Aristotle: Selections (Indianapolis: Hackett)

(R) Grube, G.M.A., et al. (trs.) (1992). Plato : Republic (Indianapolis: Hackett)

(HP) Long, A.A., et a l. (trs.) (1987). The Hellenistic Philosophers, Vol. 1 (Cambridge, CUP)

Grading Policy:

Grading will be determined by a combination of class attendance and participation, short quizzes at the beginning of some lectures (roughly 2 per week), and the results of your exams.

Attendance and Participation	20
Quizzes (Cumulative)	20
Exam 1	30
Exam 2	30

Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

A	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	C	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
B	78-81	D	60-63
B-	75-77	F	below 60

Class Rules:

Students are expected to come to lecture having read to material assigned for the day, and to be prepared to engage in active discussion about that material. Philosophy is an inherently dialogical enterprise; we only progress in philosophy through active exchange of ideas and arguments.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is mandatory for all course lectures

Course Schedule:

Date	Notes	Reading	Topics
Week 1		FD: 5–22 FD: 23–58 EGP: 48–91	What is Ancient Philosophy? Why Study It? Socratic Dialogues: Euthyphro and Apology Socratic Dialogues: Crito Pre-Socratics: Heraclitus and Parmenides
Week 2		EGP: 92-98, 201-253 FD: 93–155 A: 1–8, 36–69 FD: 59-88	Pre-Socratics: Melissus and Democritus Metaphysics: Plato’s Phaedo Metaphysics: Aristotle’s Categories & Physics Epistemology: Plato’s Meno
Week 3	First Exam	A: 16–30 R: 32–93 R: 94–121, 241–263	Epistemology: Aristotle’s Posterior Analytics Ethics: Plato’s Republic Ethics: Plato’s Republic
Week 4		A: 196–216, 275–287 HP: 25–71 HP: 266-99, 308-23, 333-	Ethics: Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics Hellenism: Epicurean Physics Hellenism: Stoic Physics



		43 HP: 236-66	Hellenism: Stoic Epistemology
Week 5	Second Exam	HP: 78-97 HP: 102-57 HP: 344-401	Hellenism: Epicurean Epistemology Hellenism: Epicurean Ethics Hellenism: Stoic Ethics