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PHILOSOPHY OF THE GREEKS (190:208; 730:208)

MI – 100 / SC – 123, TTh 7:40 - 9:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS: T 3 – 4 p.m. & F 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This course is an introduction to philosophy in ancient Greece. We shall concentrate on three figures in particular: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Our primary goal is to develop a critical understanding of their respective approaches to, and arguments regarding, a variety of philosophical problems.

TEXTS

Plato, *Five Dialogues*, 2nd ed. (translated by G.M.A. Grube, revised by J.M. Cooper; Hackett Publishing)

Plato, *Protagoras* (translated by B. Jowett, revised by M. Ostwald; Library of Liberal Arts)

Plato, *Gorgias* (translated by D.J. Zeyl; Hackett Publishing)

Plato, *Republic*, 2nd ed. (translated by G. M. A. Grube, revised by C. D. C. Reeve; Hackett Publishing)

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, 2nd ed. (translated by T. Irwin; Hackett Publishing)

Do not purchase editions other than the ones specifically selected for this course. All references in lectures and exams will be to these translations. In addition to the above texts, I shall also post brief, related (and required) readings as .pdf files on the course web-site: classics.rutgers.edu/grkphilosophy/index.html.

REQUIREMENTS

LECTURES: Attendance is mandatory, and sign-in sheets will be circulated in class. More than three unexcused absences will have the effect of lowering your final grade by one-half letter grade (e.g., from an A to a B+, or from a C+ to a C).

READINGS: Required readings are listed on the syllabus below. It is essential to read, and preferably re-read, each selection carefully *before* class. Assignments vary in length, but all are demanding. Lectures will presuppose familiarity with the relevant texts.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS: Each student will be required to submit a one-page (typed or word-processed)

discussion paper every other week for the duration of the course. Topics will be assigned in class on Thursdays with papers due the following Tuesday. In addition, there will be one in-class mid-term exam and a final. As part of the final, a take-home essay question will be distributed on the last day of class, December 9th. The exam itself is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21st, from 8 to 11 p.m., at which time the take-home essay is also due.

GRADES

Grades will be calculated as follows: discussion papers 15%, mid-term 35%, final exam 50%. Attendance, participation, and improvement will also be taken into account in determining the final grade.

Academic dishonesty (presenting another's work, published or not, as your own) on any assignment will result in a grade of F for the course. A helpful discussion of plagiarism and university policy regarding it may be found at http://wp.rutgers.edu/courses/201/plagiarism_policy/.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS (subject to change)

WEEK 1 (Sept. 1 – 3):

Th: Introductory lecture

WEEK 2 (Sept. 6 – 10):

T: Plato, *Apology* (= pp. 23 – 44 in *Five Dialogues*); Aristophanes, excerpts from *Clouds* (.pdf file);

Xenophon, *Apology* (.pdf file);

Th: Plato, *Apology* cont.; *Republic* 376e – 379e (= pp. 52 – 5 in the Grube/Reeve translation)

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WEEK 3 (Sept. 13 – 17):

T: Plato, *Euthyphro* (= pp. 5 – 22 in *Five Dialogues*)

Th: Plato, *Crito* (= pp. 45 – 56 in *Five Dialogues*)

WEEK 4 (Sept. 20 – 24):

T: Plato, *Protagoras* 309a – 328d (= pp. 3 – 27 in the Jowett/Ostwald translation); *Gorgias* 447a – 465e

(= pp. 1 – 26 in the Zeyl translation); *Meno* 89d – 96d (= pp. 79 – 84 in *Five Dialogues*)

Th: *Protagoras* 328d – 333b, 349b – d (= pp. 27 – 34, 53); excerpt from *Laches* (.pdf file)

WEEK 5 (Sept. 27 – Oct. 1):

T: *Protagoras* 349d – 362a (= pp. 53 – 69); *Meno* 77b – 78b (= pp. 66 – 7 in *Five Dialogues*)
Th: Plato, *Gorgias* 491b – 499d (= pp. 63 – 76 in the Zeyl translation); *Republic* 583c – 584c (p. 254 – 5
in the Grube/Reeve translation); excerpts from *Philebus* (.pdf file)

WEEK 6 (Oct. 4 – 8):
T: Plato, *Phaedo* 57a – 77a (= pp. 93 – 115 in *Five Dialogues*); *Meno* 70a – 86c (= pp. 59 – 76)
Th: *Phaedo* 77a – 82c, 115b – 118a (= pp. 115 – 21, 152 – 5)

WEEK 7 (Oct. 11 – 15):
T: **MID-TERM EXAM**
Th: Plato, *Republic* 357a – 376d (= pp. 33 – 52 in the Grube/Reeve translation)

WEEK 8 (Oct. 18 – 22):
T: *Republic* 412b – 435a, 449a – 462a (= pp. 88 – 110, 122 – 36)
Th: *Republic* 435a – 445b (= pp. 110 – 21)

WEEK 9 (Oct. 25 – 29):
T: *Republic* 471e – 506b (= pp. 147 – 79)
Th: *Republic* 506b – 521b (= pp. 179 – 93)

WEEK 10 (Nov. 1 – 5):
T: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* I, X.6 – 8 (= pp. 1 – 18, 162 – 7 in the Irwin translation); *Eudemian Ethics* I.1 – II.1 (.pdf file)
Th: *Nicomachean Ethics* II (= pp. 18 – 30); *Eudemian Ethics* II.2 – 5 (.pdf file)

WEEK 11 (Nov. 8 – 12):
T: *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1 – 5 (= pp. 30 – 40); *Eudemian Ethics* II.6 – 11 (.pdf file)
Th: *Nicomachean Ethics* III.6 – 12 & IV (= pp. 40 – 67)

WEEK 12 (Nov. 15 – 19):
T: *Nicomachean Ethics* V (= pp. 67 – 85)
Th: *Nicomachean Ethics* VI (= pp. 86 – 99)

WEEK 13 (Nov. 22 – 26):
T: *Nicomachean Ethics* VII.1 – 3 (= pp. 99 – 104)
Th: **Thanksgiving**

WEEK 14 (Nov. 29 – Dec. 3):
T: *Nicomachean Ethics* VIII & IX (= pp. 119 – 53)
Th: *Nicomachean Ethics* X.1 – 5 (= pp. 153 – 61)

WEEK 15 (Dec. 8 – 10):
T: Aristotle, *Physics* II (.pdf file)
Th: Aristotle, *Categories* 1 – 5 (.pdf file)