

PHIL 250 /Fall 2011/ Mondays 2:30- 5:30/ Room C1423

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ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

Who was Socrates and why did so many want him dead? What is Platonic love, anyway? Why did Diogenes wear nothing but a barrel? These questions and many more will be explored in this course. Western philosophy began in Ancient Greece, and the questions and concerns that fascinated the Greeks are still with us today. In this course, students will read the works of Plato and Aristotle as well as those of the Pre-Socratics and the Hellenistic schools of Stoicism and Epicureanism. The class will be of value to students of philosophy as well as those interested in the history of Western culture.

Required Text:

- Reeve, C.D.C., and Miller, P. (Eds.). (2006). *Introductory Readings in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy*. Indianapolis: Hackett.

Highly Recommended Supplementary Reading available for purchase at UFV bookstore:

- Roochnik, David (2004). *Retrieving the Ancients: An Introduction to Greek Philosophy*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Supplementary Reading available at UFV library:

- Brunschwig, J. and Lloyd, G.E.R.(Eds.). (2000). *Greek Thought: A Guide to Classical Knowledge*. Cambridge: Belknap
- Sedley, D.(Ed.). (2003). *The Cambridge Companion to Greek and Roman Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kenny, A. (2004). *Ancient Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Aristophanes, *The Clouds* (also available at www.perseus.tufts.edu/)
- Sophocles, *Antigone* (also available at www.perseus.tufts.edu/)

Assignments:

Participation: 5%

One midterm and two short essays: 20% each

Final Exam: 35%

Participation grade will be based on contributions to classroom discussion. Good questions (including asking for clarification) count as much as good answers. If you have difficulty

speaking in class for any reason, please come and see me so that an alternative assignment can be arranged for you.

Late Policy: Late assignments will not be accepted unless I have granted you an extension **before** the due date. **ALL** assignments are due **IN CLASS** on the assigned date. Assignments left at faculty reception or emailed will not be accepted unless you have made special arrangements with me.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is considered a serious breach of student conduct. Students should be aware that UCFV has policies regarding academic dishonesty, including plagiarism and cheating. The policy defines plagiarism as follows:

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Schedule of readings

The following is a tentative schedule of readings and assignments. Because each class works at its own pace, I reserve the right to change the schedule.

Sept. 12 ***Introduction***

Sept. 19 ***The Milesians*** (*Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Pythagoras, Heraclitus*)
Reading: pp.1-12

Sept. 26 ***The Eleatics and the Pluarlists*** (*Parmenides, Zeno, Empedocles, Anaxagoras, Democritus*)
Reading: pp.12-30

Oct. 3 ***The Sophists and Intro. to Plato's Socrates***
Reading: pp.30-44, Euthyphro (pp.44-57), The Apology (pp.57-73)

Oct. 10 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Oct. 17 ***Midterm on Presocratics and Socrates***

Oct. 24 ***Plato: Doctrine of Recollection and the Forms***
Reading: Meno, Phaedo, Symposium (pp.86-147)

Oct. 31 ***Plato: The Republic***

Reading: (pp.147-232)

Focus will be on the selections from Books 6, 7, 9.

Nov. 7 ***Aristotle: Nature and the Soul***

Reading: Categories (pp. 250-254), Physics (pp. 266-276), Metaphysics (pp.286-304)

Essay due

Nov. 14 ***Aristotle:***

Reading: De Anima (pp.276-286), Nicomachean Ethics (pp.304-339)

Nov. 21 ***Epicureanism***

Reading: Epicurus (pp.352-365)

Nov. 28 ***Stoicism***

Reading: The Greek Stoics (pp. 365-374, Epictetus (pp.413-422)

Dec. 5 ***Skeptics and Plotinus***

Reading: Pyrrho (pp.375-378) Sextus Empiricus (pp. 433-442) Plotinus (pp.443-454).

Essay due

Some Recommended Websites:

S. Marc Cohen's excellent lecture notes from University of Washington

<http://faculty.washington.edu/smcohen/320/320Lecture.html>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://plato.stanford.edu/>

Perseus Digital Library

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/>

(And for fun) Interactive image of Raphael's School of Athens

http://agutie.homestead.com/FILES/school_athens_map.html