

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

PHILOSOPHY 301 LEC 01  
THE CLASSICAL PERIOD  
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**Lecture: MWF 11.00**

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This course will survey philosophy in the ancient world from the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A. D. Philosophers to be studied include the pre-Socratic thinkers, Socrates himself, Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, and the Stoics. The course will consider views about nature and scientific explanation, theories of knowledge and metaphysics, philosophy of religion, and moral and political philosophy. The emphasis will be on reading and discussing philosophical texts themselves rather than studying secondary sources. The course will pick out ideas that are both historically important and interesting for their own sake.

**Text:** Ancient Philosophy ed. Baird and Kaufman, fifth edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall.

**Course Requirements:** A midterm test (25% of final grade, Wednesday, October 14), a Registrar-scheduled final exam (35%), and a term paper (40%, recommended length 10 pp., due date Friday, December 4). It is not necessary to complete or to pass all of the individual assignments in the course in order to receive a passing grade in the course. There will be a penalty for late assignments unless an extension was arranged in advance. The system for converting number grades to letter grades will be: A+ 95-100, A 85-94, A- 80-84, B+ 75-79, B 70-74, B- 65-69, C+ 60-64, C 55-59, C- 50-54, D+ 45-49, D 40-44, F 0-39.

Students with disabilities who have registered with the Student Resources Centre should identify themselves to me so that we can discuss special accommodations that may be needed.

## **INTELLECTUAL HONESTY**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism is an extremely serious offence. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

## **STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVE**

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