



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 301 Lec 1
“The Classical Period”
Fall Term 2016

Course Outline

Lectures: Mondays and Wednesdays, 15:30-16:45, ST 128

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to some of the philosophical theories and arguments of the Presocratic Philosophers, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Sceptics, Stoics and Epicureans. We will critically examine and discuss their views on topics in metaphysics, science, epistemology, psychology and ethics.

Required Texts

Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle, edited by Cohen, Curd and Reeve. (Hackett, 4th Revised Edition, 2011).
Course Pack at *Bound and Copied*

Classroom Etiquette

Because this course involves close reading of texts, use of distracting electronic devices of any kind (laptops, tablets, iPhones, iPads, etc.) will not be allowed in class without the specific permission of the instructor.

Course Requirements

In-class quiz on the Presocratics, September 19 = 10 pts
In-class exam on Plato, October 24 = 35 pts
In-class exam on Aristotle, November 28 = 35 pts
10 1-page single-spaced commentaries on readings = 10 pts.
In-class quiz on the Sceptics, Stoics and Epicureans, December 7 = 10 pts

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	98 –100 %	B+	86-89 %	C+	74-77 %	D+	62-65 %
A	93-97 %	B	82-85 %	C	70-73 %	D	58-61 %
A-	90-92 %	B-	78-81	C-	66-69 %	F	0-57 %

Policy on Missed Quizzes and Exams

Students with medical or other extenuating reasons for not taking a quiz or exam or not submitting assignments on the designated dates will not be penalized if they inform the instructor and provide him with documentation confirming the special circumstances. They can make up the quiz or exam or submit assignments later after consultation with the instructor.

Schedule

September 12, 14: Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy: The Presocratic Philosophers (handout); **first commentary due.**
September 19: **In-class quiz on the Presocratics**; Plato: *Euthyphro, Apology and Crito* (in Cohen, Curd and Reeve)
September 21: Plato: *Euthyphro, Apology and Crito*; **second commentary due.**
September 26, 28: Plato: *Phaedo*; **third commentary due**
October 3, 5: Plato: *Republic*; **fourth commentary due**
October 12: Plato: *Republic*; Lear, “Inside and Outside the *Republic*,” in course pack.
October 17: 19: Plato, *Republic*; **fifth commentary due**
October 24: **In-class exam on Plato**
October 26: Aristotle: *Metaphysics* **sixth commentary due**
October 31, November 2: Aristotle: *Metaphysics and De Anima* (Philosophy of Mind); **seventh commentary due**
November 7, 9: Aristotle: *De Anima, Nicomachean Ethics*; **eighth commentary due**
November 14, 16: Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics*; Nussbaum, selections from *The Fragility of Goodness*, in course pack; **ninth commentary due**
November 21, 23: Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics*
November 28: **In-class exam on Aristotle**
November 30: Hellenistic Philosophy: Sceptics, Stoics and Epicureans, in course pack; **tenth commentary due**
December 5: Hellenistic Philosophy: Sceptics, Stoics and Epicureans
December 7: **In-class quiz on the Sceptics, Stoics and Epicureans:**

Academic Honesty

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, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on ‘Academic Misconduct’ in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary’s online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning – Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.

- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** – You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy’s website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy’s Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student’s right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor or teaching assistant.

Safewalk

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

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