

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: PHIL-200 History of Ancient Philosophy

Department: Liberal Arts

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PHIL-200	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
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Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Liberal Arts	Lower Division	English

Prerequisites

PHIL-101

Topic Areas

1. Early Pre-Socratic Philosophy
2. Plato's Predecessors
3. Topics in Platonic Philosophy
4. Topics in Aristotelian Philosophy
5. Topics in Hellenistic Philosophy
6. Neo-Platonism

Content Emphasis	Weighting (%)
Early Pre-Socratic Philosophy:	5%
Plato's Predecessors:	5%
Topics in Platonic Philosophy:	25%
Topics in Aristotelian Philosophy:	25%
Topics in Hellenistic Philosophy:	30%
Neo-Platonism:	10%

Specific Topics to Be Covered

- Thales, Anaximenes, Anaximander: The passage from mythology to natural science.
- Heraclitus and Parmenides: The problem of flux, and Parmenidean monism.
- Plato: (a) The theory of Forms, (b) Plato's epistemology, and (c) Plato and Moral Theory.
- Aristotle: (a) Aristotle's response to the theory of Forms, (b) Aristotelian science, and (c) Aristotelian virtue ethics.
- The modes of Scepticism.
- Epicurean epistemology.
- Epicurean ethics, and the issue of Free Will.
- Stoic Ontology.
- Stoic ethics.
- Neo-Platonism as a synthesis of earlier philosophical thought.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

- J. Barnes, *The Presocratic Philosophers*, 1982
- E. Hamilton & C. Huntington, *The Collected Dialogues of Plato*, 1971
- T. Irwin, *Classical Thought*, Oxford University Press, 1997
- R. Kraut (ed), *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*, Cambridge, 1996
- J.L. Ackrill (ed.), *A New Aristotle Reader*, Oxford, 1987
- A.A. Long & D. Sedley, *The Hellenistic Philosophers* (2 vols), Cambridge, 1992
- R. Sorabji (ed), *Aristotle Transformed*, Duckworth, 1990