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Guided Studies in Western Philosophical Classics: *Nicomachean Ethics*

I. Course Description

This course will devote to an extensive reading of his *Nicomachean Ethics*. Important themes such as *Eudaimonia* (happiness), good, virtue, the doctrine of the mean, justice, wisdom, friendship, pleasure, etc. will be discussed. There is a combination of teacher's lectures, students' presentations and discussions.

II. Requirement and grading

All students are required 1) to finish the assigned readings and to participate in classroom discussions actively (10 %); 2) to have two presentations and essays (45% each).

III. Main Text

Aristotle *Nicomachean Ethics*, trans. by Terence Irwin, (Indianapolis: Hackett Pub.)

IV. Bibliography and Additional Readings:

1. Aristotle *The Complete Works of Aristotle*, 2 volumes, revised Oxford translation, ed. by Jonathan Barnes (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984)
2. Aristotle *The Nicomachean Ethics*, trans. by David Ross, revised by J.L. Ackrill and J.O. Urmson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986)
3. J. L. Ackrill *Aristotle's Ethics* (London: Faber & Faber, 1973)
4. Jonathan Barnes (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995)
5. Richard Brandt *Ethical Theory, The Problems of Normative and Critical Ethics* (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1982)
6. Sarah Broadie *Ethics with Aristotle* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991)
7. Stephen Engstrom & Jennifer Whiting (eds.) *Aristotle, Kant, and the Stoics: Rethinking Happiness and Duty* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998)

8. W. F. R. Hardie *Aristotle's Ethical Theory*, 2nd edition (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1980)
9. Gerard J. Hughes *Aristotle on Ethics* (London: Routledge, 2001)
10. Alasdair MacIntyre *After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory*, 2nd edition (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1984)
11. Alasdair MacIntyre *Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry: Encyclopaedia, Genealogy, and Tradition* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1984)
12. Martha C. Nussbaum *The Fragility of Goodness: Luck and Ethics in Greek Tragedy and Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998)
13. Amelie Rorty *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics* (Berkeley: UC Press, 1980)
14. Thomas Smith *Revaluing Ethics* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2001)
15. J.O. Urmson *Aristotle's Ethics* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1988)