

PHIL2040
History of Western Philosophy I 西方哲學史 (一)

Course Outline

Time : W 10:30am-1:15pm

Location :

KKB 101

Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

The course introduces students to the history of ancient Western philosophy. Topics include: Presocratic Greek philosophy, classical Greek philosophy and Hellenistic thoughts.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

Students will be expected to demonstrate familiarity with the major ideas and theories of the philosophers, as well as the relations between the various philosophical movements, covered in the course.

Topics

- Introduction
- Early Greek Philosophy
- Plato:
 - Socrates and the Sophists
 - The Soul
 - The State and Justice
- Aristotle:
 - Reasoning
 - Nature and First Philosophy
 - The Soul and the State
- Hellenistic Philosophy

Learning activities

Course expectations:

- Actively read and reflect on the required course readings
- Attend all lectures and tutorials and actively participate
- Demonstrate that course learning outcomes have been achieved by discussion contributions and written assignments

Activities and workload:

In-class (mandatory):

- Lecture/Seminar Discussion: 3 hours each week.

Out-of-class (average workload per week):

- Reading: 3–4 hours on the basic and suggested readings each week.

- Writing Assignments: Approx. 1 hour each week on preparing and writing argument rehearsals and take-home exams.
- Final Exam: Approx. 1 hour each week for preparation. You should make sure that you reserve more time towards the end of the semester.

Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS (revise if necessary)

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Participation	Attendance, active class participation (discussion and occasionally minor in-class assignments)	10%
Argument Rehearsals (2)	Formal exegesis and evaluation of arguments encountered in readings	20%
Take-Home Exams (2)	Short-answer format	35%
Final Exam	Format TBA	35%

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

Required learning resources

S. M. Cohen, P. Curd, and C.D.C. Reeve (eds.), *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle*. 5th edition. Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company, 2016.

Recommended learning resources

F. C. Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, 9 vols. (esp. vols. 1-3), New York: Image Books, 1993.

W. K. C. Guthrie, *A History of Greek Philosophy*, 6 vols., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1962-.

P. Hadot. *The Selected Writings of Pierre Hadot*, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2020.

A. Kenny, *A New History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2012.

Course schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Required reading</i>	<i>Recommended reading</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
09.08	Introduction		Kenny, "Introduction"	
09.15	Early Greek Philosophy	Selections	Copleston, 22-80	
09.22	NO CLASS: Day after Mid-Autumn Festival			
09.29	Plato I: Socrates and the Sophists	Euthyphro, Apology	Copleston, 81-142	
10.06				10.08: Argument Rehearsal #1 Due
10.13	Plato II: The	Phaedo (selections)	Copleston, 142-223	

	Soul			
10.20	Plato III: The State and Justice	Republic (selections)	Copleston, 223-244, 260-265	
10.27				10.29: Take-Home Exam #1 Due
11.03	Aristotle I: Reasoning	Categories, Posterior Analytics (selections)	Copleston, 266-287	
11.10	Aristotle II: Nature and First Philosophy	Physics (selections), Metaphysics (selections)	Copleston, 287-332	11.12: Argument Rehearsal #2 Due
11.17	Aristotle III: The Soul and the State	De Anima (selections), Nicomachean Ethics (selections), Politics (selections)	Copleston, 332-359, 372-388	
11.24				
12.01	Hellenistic Philosophy	Selections	Copleston, 379-506;	12.03: Take-Home Exam #2 Due
12.08 -23	Final Exam Period			

Details of course website

Relevant announcements and course documents will be posted on Blackboard. You are expected to check announcements regularly (i.e., at least once daily, excluding weekends and holidays)

Contact details for teacher(s) or TA(s)

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With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration.

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