

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

This is an unofficial preliminary course outline. The official outline will be distributed via blackboard to students enrolled in the class.

**Course Outline**

<b>Time : H 10:30am-1:15pm</b>	<b>Location : TBA</b>
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**Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)**

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

**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**

The course will focus on the concepts of nature, the human being, and the good life in ancient Greek and Roman philosophies.

**Learning activities**

The majority of the grade (80%) will be based on essays and take-home exams. We will also have a few short tutorial sessions (10%) and weekly in-class reflection exercises (10%).

**Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS**

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Essays	30%
Essay test or exam	50%
Tutorial discussions	10%
In-class exercises	10%

**Backup plan for assessment in case face-to-face teaching and assessment is not possible due to the pandemic**

Same as above
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**Grade Descriptor**

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**Recommended learning resources**

Students are encouraged to complement their readings of primary source materials with one of the following histories of ancient Western philosophy:

- P. Adamson, *Classical Philosophy and Philosophy in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds* (2 separate volumes), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016/2018.
- F. C. Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, 9 vols. (esp. vol. 1), New York: Image Books, 1993.
- P. Hadot. *The Selected Writings of Pierre Hadot*, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2020.
- A. Kenny, *A New History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2012.

It must be emphasized, however, that these secondary materials are not a replacement for reading the primary source texts. The latter will be uploaded to blackboard.

**Course schedule**

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Teaching Mode</i> <i>Online / in-campus</i>	<i>Required reading</i>	<i>Tutorials</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Introduction	In-campus			
2	Presocratics	In-campus	Selections		
3	Socrates	In-campus	“Apology”		
4	Plato I	In-campus	“Phaedo”		
5	Plato II	In-campus	“Phaedo” (cnt’d)		
6	Aristotle I	In-campus	Selections		
7	Aristotle II	In-campus	Selections		
8	Cynics and Cyrenaics	In-campus	Selections		
9	Epicurus I	In-campus	Selections		
10	Epicurus II	In-campus	Selections		
11	Stoics I	In-campus	Selections		
12	Stoics II	In-campus	Selections		
13	Skeptics	In-campus	Selections		

## Details of course website

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