

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

Course Outline

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

Location : LSK 304

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.

Advisory to Majors (4-year curriculum): to be taken in year 2.

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

1. The beginning
2. The Ionians
 - 2.1. Heraclitus
 - 2.2. Anaxagoras
 - 2.3. Democritus
3. The Italians
 - 3.1. The Pythagoreans
 - 3.2. Parmenides
 - 3.3. Empedocles
4. The Sophists and Socrates
5. Plato
6. Aristotle
7. Hellenistic Philosophy
 - 7.1. Epicureanism
 - 7.2. Stoicism
 - 7.3. Skepticism
8. Philosophy in the Roman Empire
 - 8.1. Seneca
 - 8.2. Neo-Platonism
9. Early Medieval Philosophy
 - 9.1. Augustine, Boethius
 - 9.2. Anselm, Abelard
10. Aquinas

Learning activities

1. Attend lectures (approximately 2 hours)
2. Attend and participate in tutorials, held every week with the lectures (approximately 45 minutes)
3. Read the required texts before each lecture.

Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS (revise if necessary)

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Presentation		20%
Class Participation		20%
Final Exam		60%

Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Attendance is mandatory and *absence will damage your grades.*

Recommended learning resources

Primary Text:

Cohen, S. M, P. Curd, & C. D. C. Reeve (eds). 2016. *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy from Thales to Aristotle*. (5. Edition). Indianapolis: Hackett. (=C)

Inwood, B. & L. P. Gerson (eds). 1997. *Hellenistic Philosophy: Introductory readings* (2. Edition). Indianapolis: Hackett. (=IG)

Kirk, G. S., J. E. Raven & M. Schofield. 1983. *The Presocratic Philosophers*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Spade, P. V. (ed.). 1994. *Five Texts on the Mediaeval Problem of Universals: Porphyry, Boethius, Abelard, Duns Scotus, Ockham*. Indianapolis: Hackett. (=S)

Thomas Aquinas. 2002. *Treatise on Human Nature, Summa Theologiae 1a 75-89*, trans. R. Pasnau. Indianapolis: Hackett. (=T)

Supplementary Readings:

Adamson, P. 2014-22. *A History of Philosophy without any Gaps*, Vols. 1-6. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Copleston, F. C. 1993. *A History of Philosophy*, Vols. 1-3. New York: Image Books, 1993.

Kenny, A. 2004-5. *A New History of Western Philosophy*, Vols. 1-2. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. (=K)

Osborne, C. 2004. *Presocratic Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Russell, B. 2004. *A History of Western Philosophy*. London: Routledge.

Zeller, E. 1931. *Outlines of the History of Greek Philosophy*. (13th Edition), rev. by W. Nestle and trans. by L. R. Palmer. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.

Advanced Readings:

Barnes, J. 1982. *The Presocratic Philosophers*. London: Routledge.

Burnet, J. 1908. *Early Greek Philosophy* (2. Edition). London: Adam and Charles Black.

Guthrie, W. K. C. 1962-81. *A History of Greek Philosophy*, Vols. 1-6, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hadot, P. 2002. *What Is Ancient Philosophy*, trans. M. Chase. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press.

Course schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Required reading	Remark
1	7/9	The Beginning		
2	14/9	The Ionians	K, pp.1-28	
3	21/9	The Italians		
4	28/9	The Sophist & Socrates	Plato, <i>Apology of Socrates</i>	C
5	5/10	Plato	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i> (Excerpts)	C
6	12/10	Plato	Plato, <i>Republic</i> (Excerpts)	C
7	19/10	Aristotle	Aristotle, <i>Categories</i> (Excerpts)	C
8	26/10	Aristotle	Aristotle, <i>On the Soul</i> (Excerpts)	C
9	2/11	Hellenistic Philosophy	Epicurus, <i>Letter to Menoeceus</i>	IG
10	9/11	Hellenistic Philosophy	Cicero, <i>On Goals</i> (Excerpts)	IG
11	16/11	Philosophy of the Roman Empire	Porphyry, <i>Isagoge</i> (Excerpts)	S
12	23/11	Early Medieval Philosophy	Boethius, <i>Second Commentary on Porphyry's Isagoge</i> (Excerpts)	S
13	30/11	Aquinas	Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologiae</i> (Excerpts)	T

Details of course website

Relevant announcements and course documents will be posted on Blackboard.

Grade Descriptor

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

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