

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to Greek Philosophy - 15104

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Philosophy

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will cover the development of Greek philosophy from its inception to the fourth century BC.

Course/Module aims:

The objective of the course is to introduce students to the main themes in Greek philosophy from the pre-Socratics through Plato and Aristotle.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Understand the main ideas in the sphere of metaphysics, epistemology and ethics.

Deal independently with the relevant ancient texts.

Identify in the texts the themes we will discuss in class.

Analyze the various arguments in the ancient texts.

Relate to each other the ideas of the different philosophers we will discuss in class.

Attendance requirements(%):

80 during sections

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture+section

Course/Module Content:

Presocratics:

Thales

Anaximander

Xenophanes

Parmenides

Democritus

The Sophists

Plato:

Apology

Gorgias

Phaedo

Republic

Aristotle:
Physics
On the Soul
Nicomachean Ethics

Required Reading:

Freeman, K., *Ancilla to the pre-Socratic Philosophers, a complete translation of the fragments in Diels, Fragmente der Vorsokratiker*, Cambridge, 1983.

Plato: *Complete Works*, ed. J. Cooper, Hackett, 1997

The Complete Works of Aristotle, ed. J. Barnes, Oxford, 1984

Additional Reading Material:

Barns, J., *The Presocratic Philosophers*, Routledge, 2002.

Guthrie, W.K.C., *History of Greek Philosophy*, vol. 1-2, Cambridge, 1962, 1965.

Kirk, G.S., Raven, J.E., Schofield, M. *The Presocratic Philosophers*, Cambridge, 1984.

The Sophists

Guthrie, W.K.C., *The Sophists*, Cambridge, 1969.

Kerferd, G., *The Sophistic Movement*, Cambridge, 1981.

Sprague, R. K., *The Older Sophists*, South Carolina Press, 1972.

Plato

Guthrie, W. K. C., *History of Greek Philosophy*, vol. 4-5, Cambridge, 1975, 1978.

Irwin, T., *Plato's Ethics*, Oxford, 1995.

Kraut, Richard (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*, Cambridge, 1992.

Vlastos, Gregory, *Socrates: Ironist and Moral Philosopher*, Cambridge, 1991.

White, Nicholas P., *Plato on Knowledge and Reality*, Hackett, 1976.

Aristotle

Guthrie, W. K. C., *History of Greek Philosophy*, vol. 6, Cambridge, 1981.

Lear, J., *Aristotle: The Desire to Understand*, Cambridge, 1988.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
none