

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### ***HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY - 15114***

*Last update 13-07-2013*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* Philosophy

*Academic year:* 1

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Naly Thaler

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

*Teaching Staff:*

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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(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture

Course/Module Content:

Xenophanes

Parmenides

Democritus

The Sophists

Plato:

Apology

Gorgias

Phaedo

Republic

Aristotle:

Physics

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*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 %

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*Project work 0 %*  
*Assignments 0 %*  
*Reports 0 %*  
*Research project 0 %*  
*Quizzes 0 %*  
*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*