

PHI 254 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy Reading Assignments for Fall 2007 version 1.0

- 8/20 Syllabus, Class Policies, Initial Lecture
- 8/22 Early Greek Philosophy, an Introduction
- 8/24 Origins of Western Philosophy: The Milesians
- 8/27 Origins of Western Philosophy: The Milesians cont.
- 8/29 Origins of Western Philosophy: Pythagoras
- 8/31 Reactions: Xenophanes and Heraclitus
- 9/3 Labor Day
- 9/5 The Critical Turn: Parmenides
- 9/7 Responses to Parmenides: Ancient Pluralists: Anaxagoras and Empedocles
- 9/10 Responses to Parmenides: Ancient Atomists: Leucippus and Democritus
- 9/12 The Problem of Socrates
- 9/14 Introduction to Plato
- 9/17 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 1
- 9/19 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 2
- 9/21 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 3
- 9/24 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 4
- 9/26 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 5
- 9/28 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 6
- 10/1 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 7
- 10/3 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 8
- 10/5 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 9
- 10/8 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Plato: *Republic* Book 10
- 10/10 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: Background Lecture on Aristotle
- 10/12 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *Met.* 993a30-996a15, *Catg.* Entire, *APo.* 71a1 - 74a5, *Top.* 100a1 - 107b1.
- 10/15 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *Phys.* 192a1-208a25, *DC* 268a1-283b25, *DC* 268a1-283b20, *GC* Book 2 (selections)
- 10/17 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *De Anima* (entire)
- 10/19 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *NE* Book 1
- 10/22 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *NE* Book 2, *Rhet.* Book 1 Ch 10 - Book 2 Ch 10
- 10/24 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *NE* Books 3 & 4
- 10/26 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *NE* Book 5, *Pol* Book 3
- 10/29 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *NE* Book 10, *Pol.* Book 1 Ch 1 & 2
- 10/31 Classical Athenian Philosophy: Aristotle: *Pol.* Book 2
- 11/2 Hellenistic Philosophy: Overview and Background on Epicurus
- 11/5 Hellenistic Philosophy: Epicurus: *Letter to Herodotus*
- 11/7 Hellenistic Philosophy: Epicurus: *Letter to Menoecus*
- 11/9 Hellenistic Philosophy: Background lecture on Stoicism
- 11/12 Hellenistic Philosophy: Stoicism continued
- 11/14 Hellenistic Philosophy: Pyrrhonic and Academic Scepticism
- 11/16 Hellenistic Philosophy: Lesser Schools (neo-Platonism and beginnings of Scholasticism)
- 11/19 Thanksgiving Break

- 11/21 Thanksgiving Break
11/23 Thanksgiving Break
11/26 Early Medieval Philosophy: Augustine: On the Freedom of the Will: Book 1
11/28 Early Medieval Philosophy: Augustine: On the Freedom of the Will: Book 2
11/30 Early Medieval Philosophy: Augustine: On the Freedom of the Will: Book 3
12/3 High Medieval Philosophy: Anselm: Ontological Argument
12/5 High Medieval Philosophy: Aquinas
12/7 High Medieval Philosophy: Aquinas

Final Schedule per final matrix. See University Calendar for Matrix.

Required Readings

Presocratic Reader. Hackett Publishing
The Republic. Hackett Publishing
The Basic Works of Aristotle. Random House
The Epicurus Reader. Hackett Publishing
On Free Choice of the Will. Hackett Publishing.

Recommended Reading

History of Women Philosophers. Vol 1.

Aristotle readings are for specific lines in various treatises. Please use the following to decipher the abbreviations.

Met. = Metaphysics

Catg. = Categories

APo. = Posterior Analytics

Top. = Topics

Phys = Physics

DC = On the Heavens

GC = On Generation and Corruption

DA = De Anima or On the Soul

NE = Nicomachean Ethics

Pol = Politics

If you are unsure what a particular reading assignment is, please ask me in class. For most of the semester, there are extended notes on my website for all of these philosophers. Please take advantage of these notes. I will be posting additional ones throughout the semester. I expect that you will print these and annotate them in class.