

**Philosophy 3000: Ancient Philosophy**  
**MWF 12:20pm**  
**Peabody 220**

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*The Course* - In this course we will study the lively debates in Ancient Philosophy over such issues as happiness, the best government, knowledge, explanation, and responsibility. The core texts will be from Plato and Aristotle, but we will also look at some pre-Socratic and latter Hellenistic discussions of these issues. The main goal of this course is for you to develop your own thoughts on these issues in light of the ancient discussions, and to be able to articulate these ideas clearly and argue for them cogently.

*Texts* –

*Voices of Ancient Philosophy*, ed. Julia Annas, Oxford, 2001  
*Gorgias*, Plato, trans. Robin Waterfield, Oxford 1994

*Requirements* –

*Participation* (20%): You are responsible for the content of both the readings and the in-class discussions. You should complete the reading before the session in which it is discussed and come prepared to talk or write about it. There will be a variety of assignments that count toward your participation grade, including in-class writing, homework, paper comments, and attendance.

*Exams* (20% each): Two exams with short-answer and essay questions.

*Papers* (20% each): Two 4-5 page peer-reviewed papers. Students will give their papers to two other students for comments, and revise them in light of these.

*Policies*: Late work and make-ups: Late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade for each day the paper is late. I will not give a make-up exam, quiz, or in-class assignment without either an excuse I have approved in advance or concrete evidence of an emergency which kept you from attending.

*Grade complaints*: I will discuss your grade in the course at any time. If you want a grade changed, you must provide me with a detailed written argument justifying the change, along with the work for me to review.

*Academic honesty*: **All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” All students are responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work** (see [http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/culture\\_honesty.htm](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/culture_honesty.htm)). Talk to me if you have any questions or concerns. Be especially aware of plagiarism, which consists in passing off someone else’s ideas or words as your own, with or without that person’s consent. I will push for the strongest available punishment if you are found guilty of such an offense.

*Important Dates*

First Paper Due:	February 27
First Exam:	March 27
Second Paper Due:	April 17
Final Exam:	May 5, 12:00pm

*Rough Schedule*

**The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.**

1/9	Introduction
1/12-16	Fate and Freedom: Selections from Section I.A in our text
1/21-23	Responsibility for Lives We Lead: Section I.B in text
1/26-30	Reason and Emotion: Sections 3A-C in text
2/2-6	Cause and Explanation: Hippocrates <i>The Sacred Disease</i> Selections; Plato <i>Phaedo</i> 96a-101e; Aristotle, On <i>Coming-to-Be</i> and <i>Passing-Away</i> II.9, <i>Physics</i> II.3, 7-9; Plutarch <i>Life of Pericles</i> 6; Epicureans Against Teleology
2/9-13	Expertise: Plato, <i>Laches</i> 189d-201c; <i>Meno</i> 80a-86d, 96b-99e
2/16-20	Relativism and System: Plato, <i>Theaetetus</i> 166e-172b, 177c-179b; <i>Republic</i> selections; Aristotle, <i>Posterior Analytics</i> I.1-3 and II.19; Aristotle, <i>Metaphysics</i> 1.1-3 and II.1; <i>Parts of Animals</i> I.5
2/23-27	Skepticism: Plato, <i>Theaetetus</i> 148c-151d; Sextus Empiricus, <i>Outlines</i> 1.1-30, 100-117 and II.1-12
3/2-3/6	The Happy Life: Aristotle, <i>Rhetoric</i> I.5; Herodotus, <i>Histories</i> I.29-34, Democritus, <i>Fragments</i> ; Plato, <i>Gorgias</i>
3/9-13	Spring Break
3/16-20	Plato, <i>Gorgias</i> ; Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
3/23-27	Pleasure: Epicurus, <i>Letter to Menoecus</i> 121-135; <i>Principal Doctrines</i> (WebCT)
3/30-4/3	Aristotle and The Stoics: Cicero, <i>On Final Ends</i> , Book III and Book I selections
4/6-4/10	Nature or Convention?: Plato, <i>Protagoras</i> 320c-323c; Antiphon, <i>Fragment 7</i> ; Plato, <i>Gorgias</i> 482e-484c; Plato, <i>Crito</i> 50a-54e; Plato, <i>Republic</i> 358c-360d; Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> 1.2 and III.9; Epicurean and Stoic selections
4/13-17	Expertise and Rule of Law: <i>Twofold Arguments</i> ; Plato, <i>Republic</i> 488a-489c and <i>Statesman</i> 291d-303b, Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> I.1, III.4, 9-11
4/20-24	Democracy and the Best Government: Herodotus, <i>Histories</i> III.80-83; The Old Oligarch, <i>Selections</i> ; Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> IV.3,4,7-9, 11; Polybius, <i>Histories</i> VI.2
4/27-30	TBA