

# PHIL 2005: Greek Philosophy and the Western Tradition

Fall 2012 – Winter 2013

Carleton University

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**Course Description:** An introduction to the history of Ancient Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman philosophy, with a focus on Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

**Prerequisite:** 0.5 credit in PHIL, or second-year standing

**Lectures:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:05am – 11:25am

**Final Grades** for the course will be based on:

- (1) Class participation, worth 5% of the final grade;
- (2) One preliminary written assignment, 1 double-spaced and typewritten page in length, worth a total of 5%;
- (3) Four written assignments, each 6 double-spaced and typewritten pages in length, worth a total of 60%;
- (4) A three-hour mid-year examination in the formal examination period, December 6th-19th, worth 15%; and
- (5) A three-hour final examination in the formal examination period, April 13th-27th, worth 15%.

Grades will be based solely on individual, academic merit as judged against absolute standards. Grades will not be adjusted to achieve a supposed normal distribution or manipulated in any other way.

## **Regulations Applying Specifically to PHIL 2005:**

**General Course Requirements:** To pass, students must regularly attend the lectures, complete all the written assignments, and sit both of the examinations, all unless formally excused by the Instructor because of illness or some other legitimate reason. Failure to complete all the written assignments and sit the mid-year examination and/or final examination unless excused will result in the grade FND (Failed, No Deferral). FND will also be awarded to students whose grades on all the course work exclusive of the final examination are such that they cannot pass the course no matter how well they might do on the final examination.

**Attendance:** Students are responsible for all material covered, announcements made, course documents distributed, and assignments returned, whether they are present in class or not.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments are to be submitted in class on the day they are due. Assignments that come into the Instructor's hands after the end of class will be docked one grade-point (e.g., from a B+ to a B) the first day or part thereof and each day subsequently. Late penalties on papers accompanied by a medical certificate or other proof of a legitimate reason for lateness will be adjusted accordingly. But once the papers submitted on time are graded and returned, *no further papers will be accepted except for very compelling reasons*. No work can be accepted for any reason after the Senate's deadline published in the current *Calendar*.

**Required Texts:** The following are available at All Books (327 Rideau Street, next to the Bytown Cinema, tel. 613 789-9544):

- A Presocratics Reader: Selected Fragments and Testimonia (Second Edition). Ed. P. Curd. Tr. P. Curd & R.D. McKirahan. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2011.
- Aristophanes. Lysistrata and Other Plays. Tr. Alan H. Sommerstein. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1973.
- Aristotle. The Basic Works of Aristotle. Ed. R. McKeon. New York: Modern Library, 2001.
- Boethius. Consolation of Philosophy. Tr. V.E. Watts. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1969.
- Hellenistic Philosophy: Introductory Readings (Second Edition). Eds. B. Inwood & L.P. Gerson. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1988.
- Plato. Five Dialogues: Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, Meno, Phaedo. Tr. G.M.A. Grube. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2002.
- Plato. Republic. Tr. G.M.A. Grube. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1992.
- Plotinus. Ennead V. Tr. A.H. Armstrong. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1994.

### Reading Schedule:

#### Fall 2012:

1. Sep. 10 Introduction to the course
2. Sep. 12 The Milesians: pp. 13-22 in Curd
3. Sep. 17 Pythagoras and Heraclitus: pp. 23-30, 39-54 in Curd
4. Sep. 19 Xenophanes, Parmenides, and Melissus: pp. 31-38, 55-65, and 127-131 in Curd
5. Sep. 24 Empedocles, Anaxagoras, and Fifth-Century Atomism: pp. 73-126 in Curd
6. Sep. 26 The Sophists: pp. 144-161 in Curd
7. Oct. 1 Aristophanes, *The Clouds*; **preliminary assignment due in class**
8. Oct. 3 Plato, *Euthyphro*
9. Oct. 8 Plato, *Apology*
10. Oct. 10 Plato, *Apology*
11. Oct. 15 Plato, *Crito*
12. Oct. 17 Plato, *Meno* 70a-80d; **first assignment due in class**
13. Oct. 22 Plato, *Meno* 80d-86c
14. Oct. 24 Plato, *Meno* 86c-100b
15. Oct. 29 Plato, *Phaedo* 57b-77b
16. Oct. 31 Plato, *Phaedo* 77b-97b
17. Nov. 5 Plato, *Phaedo* 97b-118a
18. Nov. 7 Plato, *Republic* I
19. Nov. 12 Plato, *Republic* II 357a-368c
20. Nov. 19 Plato, *Republic* II. 368c-IV
21. Nov. 21 Plato, *Republic* V-VI. 502c; **second assignment due in class**
22. Nov. 26 Plato, *Republic* VI. 502c-VII
23. Nov. 28 Plato, *Republic* VIII-X
24. Dec. 3 The Cynics

#### Winter 2013:

1. Jan. 7 Aristotle, *Categories* 1-5; *Posterior Analytics* I. 1-2, II. 19
2. Jan. 9 Aristotle, *Physics* I. 1, 2, 5-9
3. Jan. 14 Aristotle, *Physics* II. 1-6, 8, 9
4. Jan. 16 Aristotle, *Physics* VIII. 1, 4, 6, 10; *Metaphysics* XII.7
5. Jan. 21 Aristotle, *Metaphysics* I. 1-2, II. 1-2, III. 1, IV. 1-2, VI. 1, VII. 1-2, IX. I, 2, 5, XII. 1-9

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| 6. Jan. 23  | Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> I. 1-7   |
| 7. Jan. 28  | Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> I. 8-9, 12-13; II. 1-6   |
| 8. Jan. 30  | Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> II. 7, 9; III. 1-5   |
| 9. Feb. 4   | Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> VI. 1-7, 12-13   |
| 10. Feb. 6  | Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> X  |
| 11. Feb. 11 | Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> I  |
| 12. Feb. 13 | Epicurus: “The Extant Letters”, pp. 5-31 in Inwood & Gerson   |
| 13. Feb. 25 | Epicurus: “Ancient Collections of Maxims” and “Doxographical Reports”, pp. 32-44 in Inwood and Gerson; <b>third assignment due in class</b> |
| 14. Feb. 27 | Stoicism: “On Philosophy” and “Logic and Theory of Knowledge”, pp. 110-131 in Inwood and Gerson   |
| 15. Mar. 4  | Stoicism: “Physics” and “On Fate”, selections (TBD) in Inwood & Gerson  |
| 16. Mar. 6  | Stoicism: “Ethics”, selections (TBD) in Inwood and Gerson   |
| 17. Mar. 11 | Academic Scepticism (Arcesilaus and Carneades): pp. 261-284 in Inwood & Gerson  |
| 18. Mar. 13 | Later Pyrrhonic Scepticism (Sextus Empiricus): “General Principles” and “The Modes”, pp. 302-340 in Inwood and Gerson                       |
| 19. Mar. 18 | Plotinus, <i>Ennead</i> V.2   |
| 20. Mar. 23 | Plotinus, <i>Ennead</i> V.1   |
| 21. Mar. 25 | Plotinus, <i>Ennead</i> V.8   |
| 22. Mar. 27 | Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i> I; <b>fourth assignment due in class</b>   |
| 23. Apr. 1  | Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i> II-III.8   |
| 24. Apr. 3  | Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i> III.9-III.12   |
| 25. Apr. 8  | Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i> IV-V   |

### Regulations Common to All Philosophy Courses:

**Assignments:** Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
  - student name
  - student number
  - course number and section
  - instructor’s name
- The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day’s date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

**Deferrals for Term Work:** If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar’s Office for more information.

**Plagiarism:** The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate

- acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*"

Plagiarism is a serious offence that cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course

**Grading System:** Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12) B = 73-76 (8) C - = 60-62 (4)  
 A = 85-89 (11) B- = 70-72 (7) D+ = 57-59 (3)  
 A- = 80-84 (10) C+ = 67-69 (6) D = 53-56 (2)  
 B+ = 77-79 (9) C = 63-66 (5) D - = 50-52 (1)

F Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points  
 ABS Absent from final examination, equivalent to F  
 DEF Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")  
 FND Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

**Withdrawal Without Academic Penalty:**

The last date to withdraw from Fall Term courses is Dec. 3, 2012. The last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter (Full Term) and Winter term courses is April 10, 2013.

**Academic Accommodation:** You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by Nov. 9, 2012 for the Fall term and March 8, 2013 for the Winter term.

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>.

**Important Dates:**

- Sept. 6 Classes start (after Orientation events).
- Sept. 19 Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
- Sept. 30 Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
- Oct. 5 University Day – no classes.
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
- Nov. 19 Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
- Dec. 3 Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
- Dec. 3 Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
- Dec. 4-5 No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
- Dec. 6-19 Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
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- Jan. 7 Winter term classes begin.
- Jan. 18 Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
- Jan. 31 Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
- Feb. 18 Family Day – university closed
- Feb. 18-22 Winter Break, classes suspended.
- Mar. 27 Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
- Mar. 29 Good Friday – university closed
- Apr. 10 Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses. NOTE: On this day all classes follow a Friday schedule.
- Apr. 10 Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
- Apr. 11-12 No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
- Apr. 13-27 Final Examinations.

**Relevant Addresses:**

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| Department of Philosophy        | 520-2110   | 3A46 Paterson Hall            |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/philosophy">www.carleton.ca/philosophy</a> |                               |
| Registrar's Office              | 520-3500   | 300 Tory                      |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/registrar">www.carleton.ca/registrar</a>   |                               |
| Student Academic Success Centre | 520-7850   | 302 Tory                      |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/sasc">www.carleton.ca/sasc</a>             |                               |
| Paul Menton Centre              | 520-6608/TTY 520-3937  | 501 Uni-Centre                |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/pmc">www.carleton.ca/pmc</a>               |                               |
| Writing Tutorial Service        | 520-2600, ext. 1125  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Library |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/wts">www.carleton.ca/wts</a>               |                               |
| Learning Support Service        | 520-2600, ext. 1125  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Library |
| MacOdrum Library                | 520-2735   |                               |
|                                 | <a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca">www.library.carleton.ca</a>       |                               |

