

Directed Studies: Philosophy

Fall 2020

Lectures:

Each lecture will be uploaded to Canvas by Sunday evening prior to the week in which it will be discussed. Students should watch the lecture at some point prior to the first section of the week.

Synchronous Zoom Sections:

1. Daniel Greco T-W-Th, 11:35-12:25
2. David Charles T-Th, 11:35-12:50
3. Verity Harte T-W-Th, 11:35-12:25
4. Andrew Werner T-W-Th, 11:35-12:25
5. Paul Grimstad T-Th 11:35-12:50
6. Andrew Werner T-W-TH 2:35-3:25
7. Mordechai Levy-Eichel T-Th 4:00-5:15

Texts:

Plato, *Five Dialogues*, translated by G.M.A. Grube, revised by John Cooper (Hackett)
Plato, *Republic*, translated by G.M.A. Grube, revised by C.D.C. Reeve (Hackett)
Aristotle, *A New Aristotle Reader*, edited by J. L. Ackrill (Princeton)
The Epicurus Reader, translated and edited by Brad Inwood and Lloyd P. Gerson (Hackett)
Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things*, translated by M.F. Smith (Hackett)
Epictetus, *The Handbook (The Encheiridion)*, translated by Nicholas P. White (Hackett)
Seneca, *Moral and Political Essays*, edited by John M. Cooper and J. F. Procopé (Cambridge)
Sextus Empiricus, *Outlines of Scepticism*, translated by Julia Annas and Jonathan Barnes (Cambridge)
Augustine, *On Free Choice of the Will*, translated by Thomas Williams (Hackett)
Ibn Tufayl, *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*, translated by Lenn Goodman (Chicago)
Maimonides, selections from *Guide of the Perplexed* (to be distributed)
Anselm, *Proslogion, with the Replies of Gaunilo and Anselm*, translated by Thomas Williams (Hackett)
Aquinas, selections from *Summa Theologiae* (to be distributed)

Assignments: Students will write three 4-6 page papers, and complete a final assessment. The final assessment will consist of a timed exam with short questions, and several untimed take-home essays in which students will write on themes spanning the semester.

Reading Schedule

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| Week of August 31. | Reading: Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i> , <i>Meno</i> . Lecture: Daniel Greco |
| Week of September 7 | Reading: Plato, <i>Phaedo</i> . Lecture: Brad Inwood |
| Week of September 14 | Reading: Plato, <i>Republic</i> , <i>Books I-V</i> . Lecture: Verity Harte. |
| Paper 1 Due September 18 | |
| Week of September 21. | Reading: Plato, <i>Republic</i> , <i>Books VI-X</i> . Lecture: Paul Grimstad |

- Week of September 28. Reading: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books I, II; III: 1-5, 10-12; VI: 1-7, 12, 13; VII 1-3; VIII 1-6; IX, 4, 8, 9; X, 6-8. Lecture: Adam Eitel.
- Week of October 5. Reading: Aristotle, *Physics* I.7-9, II; *Categories* 1-5. Lecture: David Charles
- Week of October 12. Reading: Aristotle, *De Anima* I.1, II. 1-7, III.1-5. Lecture: David Charles
- Week of October 19. Reading: Aristotle, *Metaphysics* I.1-2, XII.1-7. 9-10. Lecture: Verity Harte
- Paper 2 Due October 23**
- Week of October 26. Reading: Epicurus (pp. 28-36 in *The Epicurus Reader* for the *Letter to Menoecus* and *Principal Doctrines*); Lucretius (*On the Nature of Things*, Books I and III, pp. 1-33, 66-98); Epictetus (*Handbook*, pp. 11-29), and Seneca, "On Anger," pp. 17-45, 110-16, and "On the Private Life," pp. 172-80, in *Moral and Political Essays*. Lecture: Brad Inwood
- Week of November 2. Reading: Sextus Empiricus, *Outlines of Scepticism*, Book I. Lecture: Andrew Werner
- Week of November 9. Reading: Augustine, *On Free Choice of the Will*. Lecture: John Hare
- Week of November 16. Reading: Ibn Tufayl, *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan* and Maimonides, *Guide of the Perplexed*, Introduction (Selections) and Part I (Chapters 50-60)
- Week of November 30 Reading: Anselm, *Proslogion*, chapters 2-4; Gaunilo, *Reply on Behalf of the Fool*; Anselm's *Reply*; Aquinas, from *Summa Theologiae*, part 1: question 2, article 3 ("The Five Ways").
Additional Optional Reading. Aquinas, First Part (*Prima Pars*): Q3, A7 (i.e., Question 3, article 7), Q4, A2, Q12, A12, Q13, A2 — A5.
 Lecture: John Pittard
- Week of December 15. Final assessment