

PHIL 204.2019: Greek Philosophy

Schedule:

For each week except the first there is text which should be read before the lecture. All readings will be available online.

Week 1 (22nd July): Introduction: Greek Philosophy - What was it and why is it important for us to know this?

Week 2 (29th July): The Presocratics and a most important argument.

Reading 1 - Fragments from Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Heraclitus, Parmenides and the atomists.

Week 3 (5th August): Socrates' last words: Metaphysics and the immortality of the soul part 1.

Reading 2 - From Plato's *Phaedo*.

Week 4 (12th August)): Socrates' last words: Metaphysics and the immortality of the soul part 2.

Reading 3 - From Plato's *Phaedo*.

Week 5: (19th August): Plato's theory of Forms, some puzzles and problems..

Reading 4 - From Plato's *Parmenides* and Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics* and *Metaphysics*.

Week 6 (26th August): Aristotle's rejection of Platonism and a new world view..

Reading 5 - From Aristotle's *Categories* and *Metaphysics*.

<i>Mid-Semester Break: 2nd-14th September</i>

Week 7 (16th September) Identity, diversity and the nature of change..

Reading 6 - From Aristotle's *Physics* and *On Generation and Corruption*

<i>Essay Due: 4.00 pm 20th September.</i>

Week 8 (23rd September): Life in all its forms..

Reading 7 - From Aristotle's *Parts of Animals* and *Generation of Animals*.

Week 9 (30th September): The Soul as Form and the Nature of Life.

Reading 8 - From Aristotle's *On The Soul*.

Week 10 (7th October): The Unmoved Mover, or God..

Reading 9 - From Aristotle's *Metaphysics*.

Week 11 (14th October): The good for human beings..

Reading 10 - From Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*.

Week 12 (21st October): Human beings are political animals..

Reading 11 - From Aristotle's *Politics*.