



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 609 Lec 01 – Topics in the History of Philosophy
Topic 4: “Aristotle’s Ethics and Politics”

Winter Term 2011

Course Outline

Lectures: MW 13:00-14:15 in ST 131

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Course Description:

This course will examine Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, the *Politics*, and the relationship between them. The main issue in the course will be understanding the view of the good life that Aristotle explains and defends in the *Ethics*. This view also provides the goal for the political community in the *Politics*. The course will connect Aristotle's views to issues in contemporary moral and political philosophy.

Required Texts:

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by Sir David Ross (Oxford).
- Aristotle, *Politics*, translated by C.D.C. Reeve (Hackett).

Course Evaluation:

Two twenty-page term papers, each worth 50% of the overall course grade.

The papers will be due Monday, February 14 and Monday, April 4.

There will be a penalty for late assignments unless an extension was arranged in advance.

The system for converting number grades to letter grades will be:

A+ 100-95	A 85-94	A- 80-84	B+ 75-79	B 70-74	B- 65-69
C+ 60-64	C 55-59	C- 50-54	D+ 45-49	D 40-44	F 0-39