



**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**PHIL 301 – “The Classical Period”
Fall Term 2012**

Course Outline

Lectures: Math Sciences, Room 319; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 1:00-1:50pm

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Course Description

This course will introduce you to some of the philosophical ideas and arguments of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, as well as those of several “Presocratic” philosophers. We will consider their views on topics in ethics, moral psychology, epistemology, and metaphysics.

Required Texts

Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle, edited by Cohen, Curd, and Reeve. Hackett, 4th Revised Edition (ISBN-13: 978-1603844628)

Evaluation

There will be two kinds of assigned work: short homework assignments and a take-home final exam. There is no registrar scheduled final exam.

1. Twice-Weekly Homework Assignments (80% of your final grade)
 - a. Homework assignments will consist of reconstructing and/or evaluating arguments or passages from the assigned text for the class on which they are due. None of the assignments will involve more than one page of writing; most will require about one-half of one page of writing or less.
 - b. Since these assignments will be of varying length and difficulty, some will be worth more than others towards your final grade. Each assignment will be worth between 2% and 8% of your final grade.
 - c. Each week there will be two homework assignments. Each assignment will be posted on Blackboard at least one week before it is due. A typed homework assignment will be due at the beginning of class on each of the following days:

Week 1: September 12, 14	Week 8: October 29, 31
Week 2: September 17, 21	Week 9: November 5, 7
Week 3: September 24, 26	Week 10: November 14, 16
Week 4: October 1, 3	Week 11: November 21, 23
Week 5: October 10, 12	Week 12: November 26, 30
Week 6: October 15, 19	Week 13: December 3, 5
Week 7: October 22, 24,	
 - d. Assignments must be typed double-spaced in a 12-point font, printed out, and submitted in person.

- e. During lecture you may correct by hand any errors you have made in your typed assignment for that day, and I will award you partial credit of up to 50% for your in-class corrections. So, for example, if your typed homework assignment would have received a score of 6 out of 10 points, and if you correct your homework's mistakes by hand by the end of the class on the day on which it is due, then you will receive a score of 8 out of 10 points.
 - f. You may not collaborate with others on any homework assignment.
2. Take-home Final Exam due December 12th (20% of your final grade)
The open-book final exam, to be submitted via Blackboard, will consist of a mixture of very short concept identification questions and short essay questions.

Grading Method

There will be 400 points possible.

385-400 = A+	340-354 = B+	295-309 = C+	250-264 = D+
370-384 = A	325-339 = B	280-294 = C	235-249 = D
355-369 = A-	310-324 = B-	265-279 = C-	< 235 = F

Students on the borderline will only be bumped up if they have completed all assignments and if the final exam reflects the higher score.

Policy on Late Assignments

Late assignments will not be accepted except in the event of a personal emergency.

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not

eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor.

SAFEWALK

Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and LRT station. Or use a Campus Help phone.

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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