

PHP 5015 (§21BF) - ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY II (ARISTOTLE)

Time: R 8-10 (3:00-6:00 p.m.)

Location: FLO 0200

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is a graduate survey of the philosophy of Aristotle. Its dual aim is to prepare students to teach Aristotle at the undergraduate level and to provide a foundation for more advanced study of particular facets of his thought.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Basic Works of Aristotle. Ed. Richard McKeon. Modern Library, 2001.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Jonathan Lear. *Aristotle: The Desire to Understand*. Cambridge, 1988.

Christopher Shields, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Aristotle*. Oxford, 2012. Available as an e-book through the UF Library.

EVALUATION

- A series of three Take-Home Examinations throughout the semester, each worth 20% of the course grade. Each student will be required to write and submit responses of 1000-2000 words on a topic selected from a larger set of topics on the *Categories*, *Posterior Analytics*, *Physics*, *De Anima*, and *Metaphysics Z*. See the Schedule of Meetings, Topics, and Exams for the dates when these exams will be distributed and due.
- A 15-page research paper due December 15 on a topic to be developed in consultation with the course instructor, worth 40% of the course grade.

The following grade scale will be used to assign final letter grades for the course.

Grade Scale	Grade Value
100-93=A	A=4.0
92-90=A-	A-=3.67
89-86=B+	B+=3.33
85-82=B	B=3.00
81-79=B-	B-=2.67
78-75=C+	C+=2.33
75-72=C	C=2.00
71-69=C-	C-=1.67
68-66=D+	D+=1.33
65-62=D	D=1.00
61-60=D-	D-=0.67
59-0=E	E=0.00

For current UF grading policies for assigning grade points, see:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, TOPICS, AND EXAMS

(More detailed assignments will be posted in the Canvas e-learning site for the course.)

(1) Aug. 26 – Introduction to Aristotle & *Metaphysics* I 1-2

(2) Sep. 2 – *Categories*

(3) Sep. 9 – *Posterior Analytics* I 1-10, II 19

Take-Home Exam 1 distributed

(4) Sep. 16 – *Physics* II, *On the Parts of Animals* I 1

(5) Sep. 23 – *Physics* II, *Metaphysics* Z 7-8

Take-Home Exam 1 due

(6) Sep. 30 – *Physics* I & III 1-3

(7) Oct. 7 – *De anima* I 1, II 1-5

(8) Oct. 14 – *De anima* II 6, 12, III 4-5, *Metaphysics* Λ 6-8, 10

Take-Home Exam 2 distributed

(9) Oct. 21 – *De anima* III 6-9

(10) Oct. 28 – *Metaphysics* Z 1-3

Take-Home Exam 2 due

(11) Nov. 4 – *Metaphysics* Z 4-6

Nov. 11 – No Class (Veterans Day)

(12) Nov. 18 – *Metaphysics* Z 9-11

Take-Home Exam 3 distributed

Nov. 25 – No Class (Thanksgiving)

(13) Dec. 2 – *Metaphysics* Z 12-17

Dec. 8 – Take-Home Exam 3 due

Dec. 15 – Final Research Paper due

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment:

<https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>.

Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.

You are expected to **always wear approved face coverings during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated**. Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.

Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.

If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.

Continue to regularly visit coronavirus.UFHealth.org and coronavirus.ufl.edu for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccination.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge, which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Plagiarism on any assignment will automatically result in a grade of "E" for the course. Plagiarism is defined in the University of Florida's Student Honor Code as follows: "A student shall not represent as the student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes (but is not limited to): a. Quoting oral or written materials, whether published or unpublished, without proper attribution. b. Submitting a document or assignment which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student." Students found guilty of academic misconduct will be prosecuted in accordance with the procedures specified in the UF honesty policy.

ATTENDANCE AND CLASSROOM POLICIES

Students are expected to attend class and to have done all assigned reading in advance. Failure to do so will adversely affect students' ability to perform well in this course. Requirements for make-up exams are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

CANVAS E-LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

This course is supplemented by online content in the e-Learning environment known as "Canvas." To login to the e-Learning site for this course, go to <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>, click the **e-Learning in Canvas** button, and on the next page enter your Gatorlink username and password. You can then access the course e-Learning environment by selecting PHH 3100 from the **Courses** pull-down menu at the top of the page. If you encounter any difficulties logging in or accessing any of the course content, contact the UF Computing Help Desk at (352) 392-4537. Do not contact the course instructor regarding computer issues.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575

University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.