

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY**

**Course Number and Section**

PHILOSOP

2200F 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL Brightspace is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

### Course Description:

An introductory survey of Greek philosophy from the Presocratics to Aristotle. Time permitting, we will consider some Hellenistic philosophers, but the main emphasis will be on Plato and Aristotle, with a representative selection from their writings. This course aims to give students a basic overview of ancient Greek thought.

### Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Gain a broad understanding of some foundational writings in Western intellectual life.

Be able to talk intelligently about the ideas of several important Greek thinkers.

View philosophical arguments about knowledge, beauty and excellence through the eyes of ancient theorists.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

1. Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle (4th or 5th ed.) by S. Marc Cohen (Editor), Patricia Curd (Editor), C. D. C. Reeve (Editor) Kindle version \$42.08

2. Nicomachean Ethics, by Aristotle. Translated by Christopher Byrne. (Broadview Press, 2025).

Print \$17.50 ebook \$9.99 at: [www.broadviewpress.com](http://www.broadviewpress.com)

### Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

| Assignment   | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| Quiz 1       | 09/25/2026        | 10         |
| Quiz 2       | 10/09/2026        | 10         |
| Quiz 3       | 11/20/2026        | 10         |
| Midterm test | 11/06/2026        | 20         |

| Assignment         | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| Short commentary 1 | 10/23/2026        | 5          |
| Short commentary 2 | 11/27/2026        | 5          |
| Final test         | TBA               | 40         |

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
  - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.