

Brief Course Outline

Course Title:	Plato
Course Number and Section:	PHILOSOP 3003F 550
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Course Description:

This course is a detailed study of Plato's greatest work of philosophy, the Republic. An enormously rich, multi-faceted and complex work, the Republic touches on most of the key themes of Plato's philosophy, spanning topics in ethics, political philosophy, psychology, aesthetics, epistemology (the theory of knowledge) and metaphysics (here, the theory of the fundamental nature of reality). We will read the entire work, with the primary aim of understanding and critically evaluating Plato's philosophical views.

Learning Outcomes:

Read and understand difficult and challenging texts
Critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of arguments
Appreciate unfamiliar ideas and points of view
Develop and defend your own positions and ideas
Express yourself clearly in discussion
Write clearly, concisely and effectively in support of your claims

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Plato: Republic. Translated by G.M.A. Grube (revised by C.D.C. Reeve). Hackett. Require

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Weekly Reading Responses	ONGOING	30%
Attendance and Participation	ONGOING	25%
Final Exam (ORAL)	TBD	20%
FINAL ESSAY	12/06/24	25%

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