

HUMA 11500 - 02
Philosophical Perspectives
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BOOKS

The following texts are required for the course, available for purchase at the Seminary Coop Bookstore (5751 S. Woodlawn Avenue):

- Plato, *Five Dialogues*, 2nd edition, translated by Grube (Hackett), ISBN: 9780872206335
- Sophocles, *Theban Plays*, translated by Meineck and Woodruff (Hackett), ISBN: 9780872205857
- Plato, *The Republic*, translated by Griffith (Cambridge), ISBN: 9780521484435
- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by Crisp (Cambridge), ISBN: 9781107612235

There are numerous translations in print of each of the texts we will discuss. Make sure you use the translations found in the (fairly inexpensive) books listed above.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There are three components of the work required of you:

- come to class prepared and participate through thoughtful comments and questions
- attend all writing seminars
- complete all writing assignments and response papers (see below)

GRADES

There will be three writing assignments (4-6 pages) on selected topics:

First paper	due October 17 th , in class	worth 20%
Second paper	due November 7 th , in class	worth 25%
Third paper	due December 5 th , 5pm	worth 30%

The remaining 25% will be determined by your class participation (15%) and two response papers (5% each).

Late papers will be docked a grade per day (e.g., B+ to B) unless you have received approval ahead of time.

Response papers will consist of short discussions (2–3 pages) of an assigned reading, to be submitted the day before the reading is discussed by 5pm (simply email me). The choice of reading is up to you, but at least one of them must be done by October 19th, the second by November 21st. These discussions should express your personal reflections upon the reading for that session. They are meant to express your thoughtful reactions to the readings before they are discussed in class.

ROADMAP

The following schedule provides an overview over the assigned readings. Readings may be slightly adjusted as the quarter goes on. Updated versions of this syllabus will be posted on Canvas as changes are made.

Week 1	September 26 September 28	Introduction Plato, <i>Apology</i>
Week 2	October 3 October 5	Plato, <i>Crito</i> Sophocles, <i>Oedypus Tyrannos</i>
Week 3	October 10 October 12	Sophocles, <i>Oedypus at Colonus</i> Interlude
Week 4	October 17 October 19	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book I Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book II, Book III (up to 412b)
Week 5	October 24 October 26	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book III (412b to end), Book IV Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book V
Week 6	October 31 November 2	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book VI Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book VII Annas, “Understanding and the Good: Sun, Line, and Cave”
Week 7	November 7 November 9	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book I Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book II, Book III.6–12
Week 8	November 14 November 16	No class Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book V
Week 9	November 21 November 23	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books VII Thanksgiving—No Class
Week 10	November 28 November 30	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book X Conclusion & Outlook