

HUMA 11500 - 18  
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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> , in class	worth 20%
Second paper	due November 13 <sup>th</sup> , in class	worth 25%
Third paper	due December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 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 25<sup>th</sup>, the second by November 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

<b>Week 1</b>	October 2 October 4	Introduction Plato, <i>Apology</i>
<b>Week 2</b>	October 9 October 11	Plato, <i>Crito</i> King, <i>Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i> Plato and King continued
<b>Week 3</b>	October 16 October 18	Sophocles, <i>Oedypus Tyrannos</i> Sophocles, <i>Oedypus at Colonus</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	October 23 October 25	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book I, Book II (up to 367e) Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book II (368a to end), Book III, Book IV (up to 427c)
<b>Week 5</b>	October 30 November 1	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book IV (427d to end) Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book V (up to 471e) Annas, <i>Plato's "Republic" and Feminism</i> The Letters and Treatises of Neopythagorean Women in the East (selections)
<b>Week 6</b>	November 6 November 8	Book V (472a to end), Book VI (up to 503b) Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book VI (503b to end), Book VII
<b>Week 7</b>	November 13 November 15	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book I Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book II, Book III.6–12
<b>Week 8</b>	November 20 November 22	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book V Thanksgiving—No Class
<b>Week 9</b>	November 27 November 29	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book VII.1–10 Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book VIII, Book IX
<b>Week 10</b>	December 4 December 6	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book X Reading Period—No Class