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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 Ross (Oxford), ISBN: 9780199213610

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

### GRADES

There will be three writing assignments (4-6 pages) on selected topics; please email them to both instructors by 5 pm on the day they due:

First paper	due October 17 <sup>rd</sup>	worth 20%
Second paper	due November 7 <sup>th</sup>	worth 25%
Third paper	due December 5 <sup>th</sup>	worth 35%

The remaining 20% will be determined by your class participation (details to be explained in class, but the quality of your participation in the writing seminars will be a crucial factor).

On some days, a group of students will introduce the class to the assigned reading and help facilitate class discussion; each student is expected to participate in one such group activity.

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

## 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>	September 26 September 28	Introduction Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i>
<b>Week 2</b>	October 3 October 5	Plato, <i>Apology</i> Plato, <i>Crito</i> King, <i>Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	October 10 October 12	Sophocles, <i>Oedypus Tyrannos</i> Sophocles, <i>Oedypus at Colonus</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	October 17 October 19	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book I, Book II (up to 367e) Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book II (368a to end), Book III, Book IV
<b>Week 5</b>	October 24  October 26	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book V (up to 471e) Annas, <i>Plato's "Republic" and Feminism</i> Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book V (472a to end), Book VI (up to 503b)
<b>Week 6</b>	October 31 November 2	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book VI (503b to end), Book VII Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book VIII, Book IX
<b>Week 7</b>	November 7 November 9	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book I No Class
<b>Week 8</b>	November 14 November 16	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book II, Book III.6–12 Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book VII.1–10
<b>Week 9</b>	November 20 November 23	Thanksgiving Break — No Class Thanksgiving Break — No Class
<b>Week 10</b>	November 28 November 30	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book VIII, Book IX Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book X