

Greek Philosophy



Faculty	Course Type	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester
Aditya Nain	General	4	None	Any

Course Description

This course is aimed at students with little or no background in Philosophy. Through the ancient Greeks, students will learn about how Philosophy took birth what its lasting influence has been on civilization, all across the globe. Pioneers of philosophical thinking will be explored through their own writings. A historical approach will be taken through most of the course, starting with the early Greek philosopher, moving to Socrates, Plato & Aristotle. The lasting influence of these systems of thought will be discussed and examined in class.

The course will use a central reference book (text book) as well as original works (English translations) of the philosophers being studied.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, having followed all the lectures and after studying all the required and suggested readings, students will be able to:

- Understand central concepts in Philosophy in general and Greek Philosophy in particular
- Roughly follow the evolution of thought from ancient Greece to modern civilizations
- Understand key concepts in the fields of Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics and Politics, as understood by the Greeks and adopted by modern writers.
- Read English translations of the great Greek philosophical texts with guidance
- Engage in educated discussions on the relation between Philosophy and everyday living
- Absorb certain ways of thinking into their own lives, depending on whether they wish to
- Analyze & build arguments on various topics of discussion

Course Requirements

Students are expected to:

- Follow the course by studying all the required readings
- Submit all required assignments as detailed in the course packet available online, an invitation to which will be emailed to them.
- Follow the online course home-page in order to keep updated with possible changes in class timings, assignment submission dates, etc.
- Strictly adhere to deadlines for the submission of all assignments.