

Introduction to Classical Philosophy

Course Outline:

Introduction to Philosophy

Questions: What is philosophy? What does it mean to love wisdom?

Pre-Socratics

Text: Selections from *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*

Questions: Metaphysics and monism: What is real? What makes up the world around us?

Socrates

Text: *The Apology, Crito, Euthyphro, Meno*

Questions: What is true? How do we know what is true? How do we know what we know? What is wisdom?

Other: Socratic or dialectic thinking will be analyzed and practiced with the dialogues.

Plato

Text: *The Republic* – selections

Questions: What is real? What is true? What is justice? What is good?

Aristotle

Text: *The Nicomachean Ethics*

Questions: What is real? What is good? How does one become a good person and live a good life?