Ancient Greek Seminar
Phil 5323 Spring 2017 (#25352)

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Course Description.
The course focuses on the works of Plato and Aristotle situated in an historical background. We begin with Plato’s early dialogues and proceed to excerpts from the Presocratics in conjunction with Gadamer’s hermeneutical approach to philosophy. We discuss the importance of Plato’s methodology, his metaphysics, moral psychology, and ethical views. We examine Aristotle’s use of method and his conceptions of nature, form, causation, and change in the *Physics*, as well as his view of the soul in *De Anima* and moral psychology in the *Nicomachean Ethics*.

Course Requirements. All requirements must be met to complete the course.
(1) Attendance and participation: 10%.
(2) Two short written assignments (4-5 pages each): 20%.
(3) Mid-term Exam: 20%.
(4) Bibliography assignment and presentation: 20%.
(5) Final paper (8-10 pages): 30%.
Grade scale used: 100-90 (A); 89-80 (B); 79-70 (C); 69-60 (D); 59-50 (F).

Required texts.
Supplementary readings made accessible on D2L at appropriate times.

Attendance and late paper policies. Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded on a regular basis. The level of participation, mental alertness, and attendance or lack thereof, are taken into account at the end of the semester in cases in which borderline grades are determined. Late papers, excused or unexcused, will receive a 5 pt. penalty automatically. No exceptions.

Class format and classroom etiquette. Class meetings are discussion-based, interactive, and oriented towards student responsiveness. Common courtesy requires that everyone put away cell phones before class begins and settle down. Also, please refrain from eating in class and arriving late or leaving early without prior notification. These and any other distracting behaviors will elicit my immediate, negative attention and could initiate an unpleasant reprimand.

Academic Integrity. Any form of academic dishonesty may result in an F for the course. The OSU syllabus attachment (see below) provides information on university policies and procedures which describes the meaning of academic integrity and violations of it. It is the student’s responsibility to know the policies. Spring 2017, link to syllabus attachment: http://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/content/resources-faculty-staff