

SYLLABUS

REQUIRED TEXT:

Cohen, Curd, and Reeve: *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, third edition (RAGP)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS (on reserve at OUGL):

Ackrill, *Aristotle the Philosopher*
Barnes, *The Presocratic Philosophers*
Burnet, *Early Greek Philosophy*
Guthrie, *A History of Greek Philosophy*
Hussey, *The Presocratics*
Kirk, Raven, & Schofield, *The Presocratic Philosophers* (KRS)
McKirihan, *Philosophy Before Socrates*
Ring, *Beginning with the Presocratics*, second edition
Shields, *The Blackwell Guide to Ancient Philosophy*
Readings on Electronic Reserve (*E-reserve*)

READING ASSIGNMENTS (only those in **boldface** are required; note that the page numbers in RAGP are to the **third** edition):

A. The Presocratics

1. Introduction

RAGP: viii-xiii, 1-7

2. The Milesians

RAGP: 8-14

Ring: 1-34

[Burnet: ch. 1](#)

KRS: 76-162

Hussey: 1-31

Guthrie (v. 1): 39-145

Barnes: 3-56

McKirihan: 20-58

Shields: 5-8

3. Heraclitus

RAGP: 24-34

Ring: 59-81

[Burnet: ch. 3](#)

KRS: 181-212

Guthrie (vol. 1): 403-492

McKirihan: 116-150

Shields: 11-16

Barnes: 57-81

Hussey: 32-59

4. Parmenides

RAGP: 35-41

Ring: 82-118

[Burnet: ch. 4](#)

KRS: 239-262

Hussey: 78-106

E-reserve: Furley (on Parmenides)

Barnes: 155-230

McKirihan: 151-178

Shields: 16-20

5. Zeno

RAGP: 59-63

KRS: 263-279

Barnes: 231-302

McKirihan: 179-195

E-reserve: Thomson, Benacerraf

Ring: 119-127

[Burnet: ch. 8](#)

6. Empedocles

RAGP: 47-58

Ring: 128-136

[Burnet: ch. 5](#)

KRS: 280-321

Burnet: 197-250

Guthrie (vol. 2): 138-159

Hussey: 127-148

McKirihan: 232-291

7. Anaxagoras

RAGP: 42-47

Ring: 137-143

[Burnet: ch. 6](#)

KRS: 352-384

Guthrie (vol. 2): 266-294

McKirihan: 196-231

E-reserve: Kerferd

8. The Atomists

RAGP: 64-71

Ring: 143-151

[Burnet: ch. 9](#)

KRS: 402-433

Guthrie (vol. 2): 382-404

McKirihan: 303-343

Shields: 20-24

E-reserve: Furley (on the Atomists)

B. Socrates and Plato

Required:

RAGP, 89-96 [Introduction to Plato]

RAGP: 97-114, 203-281 [*Euthyphro*, *Meno*, *Phaedo*]

RAGP: 445-528, 578-581 [*Republic* (books V-VII, excerpt from book X)]

RAGP: 604-613 [*Parmenides* (127b-135d)]

RAGP: 614- 644 [*Timaeus* (27e-58c)]

Recommended:

Apology, *Crito* [in RAGP]

Guthrie (vol. 3): 325-488; (vol. 4): 236-265, 324-365, 487-521

Shields: 55-99

E-reserve: Cherniss; Vlastos; Wedberg; Strang

C. Aristotle

Required:

RAGP, 645-654 [Introduction to Aristotle]

RAGP: 656-662 [*Categories*, Chapters 1-5]

RAGP: 694-719 [*Physics*, Books I and II (excerpts)]

RAGP: 727-735 [*On Generation & Corruption*, Book I (excerpts)]

RAGP: 749-757 [*Parts of Animals*, Book I (excerpts)]

RAGP: 758-800 [*Metaphysics*, Books I, IV, VII, VIII (excerpts)]

RAGP: 809-825 [*De Anima*, Books I and II (excerpts)]

Recommended:

E-reserve: Matthews and Cohen

Ackrill, *Aristotle the Philosopher*: all, esp. 1-54, 116-134

Shields, *The Blackwell Guide to Ancient Philosophy*: 163-183, 211-227

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