

PIU33014 and PIU33012 | Ancient Philosophy

Credits:	PIU33014 (5ECTS) and PIU33012 (10ECTS)
Contact Hours:	22
Pre-requisite:	None
Semester:	Hilary
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Module Outline:

Plato's Republic

Plato's Republic combines and interweaves central themes in ethics, political philosophy, psychology, metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophical method. This rich tapestry is best engaged with if we combine textual study with a thematic and question-based approach, and bring in also modern philosophers and points of view different from Plato's (e.g. Rousseau, Nietzsche, Marx, Freud, Rawls ...).

We will study Plato's text selectively, concentrating on themes such as the following: Power and justice. The soul and its structure. Reason, the virtues, and love. Fundamentals of a healthy society (including communitarianism, communism and the relation of the sexes). Education and self-education. Self-orientation and reorientation. Dialectic and philosophical method. Essences and Forms. The Good. Sick selves and societies.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will gain knowledge of central themes in Plato's *Republic*
- Students will be able to relate central themes in Plato's *Republic* to current philosophical issues

Recommended Reading List

To be announced on Blackboard

Assessment:

5 ECTS: 1 essay (60%). 1 exam, 1 question to answer (40%)

10 ECTS: 2 essays (60%). 1 exam, 2 questions to answer (40%)

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