

PIU33012 — Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Republic

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU33012
Module Title	Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Republic
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Professor Vasilis Politis
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	10 ECTS
Semester	2
Contact Hours	22

Module Content	
Module Description	The aim is to study Plato's great work, <i>Republic</i>, to explore critically its variety of diverse and interconnected themes and issues, and to relate it to our world today, both to us individuals and the political world in which we find ourselves. Plato's central claim, in <i>Republic</i>, is that unless we recognize our profound ignorance about ourselves and the political world in which we live, regard of 'the most important things' such as Justice, Goodness, Evil, and unless this recognition stimulates us to search for these most important things and our standing in relation to them, there is no hope for us, either as individuals or political. This claim is often thought to be false, but my experience of the current world, and myself, tells me that it might well be true.
Module Learning Aims	See above.
Learning Outcomes	See above.
Indicative Reading / Resources	TBA



Assessment	
Assessment Components	Two essays and an online exam.
Assessment Details	Two essays worth 25% each and an online exam worth 50%.

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
Co-requisites	None.