

PIU33014 — Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Republic

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU33014
Module Title	Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Republic
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Professor Vasilis Politis
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 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	Essay and Exam.
Assessment Details	Essay worth 50% and Exam worth 50%.

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
Co-requisites	None.