



Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Conception of Evil | PIU44013

Year	Senior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	22 lectures; 4 tutorials
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	1
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Module Learning Aims and Outcomes:

To examine in depth a little studied but most important topic in Plato, and indeed in moral philosophy: the nature of evil in the human soul. To engage critically with this topic. To relate the topic to issues outside academia.

Module Content:

I am currently at the beginning of a long-term project on this topic—the nature of evil in the soul, according to Plato and in its own right—and look forward to sharing thoughts with you on this. The topic has, remarkably, been little studied by scholars on Plato's ethics and moral psychology, notwithstanding that literature abounds on Plato's ethics and moral psychology. We may also have the opportunity, to relate to this topic in Plato and to the same topic in Neoplatonism (Plotinus and Proclus), in early Christian thought, and in some modern philosophy.

Assessment:

One essay

One online exam, with one question to be answered (XXX words)

Recommended Reading List:

TBA. Please contact Professor Politis by email.