

Philosophy 730:402  
Aristotle

Spring 2013  
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### Syllabus

#### Required Texts:

*Complete Works of Aristotle*, 2 volumes, ed. J. Barnes  
*Aristotle: Posterior Analytics, Topics* (Loeb Library)  
*Aristotle's De Anima Books II and III* (Clarendon Series)

#### Aim:

The aim of the course is to understand the relation between Aristotle's epistemology and his cognitive psychology, particularly concerning perception.

#### Readings:

Readings will be assigned on a weekly basis from the required texts and from the secondary literature. The latter items will be available on reserve at Alexander Library. These will include:

W. D. Ross, *Aristotle's Prior and Posterior Analytics* (Selections)

J. Barnes, *Aristotle: Posterior Analytics* (Selections)

M. Burnyeat, "Aristotle on Understanding Knowledge"

M. Frede, "Aristotle's Rationalism"

D Bronstein, "The Origin and Aim of *Posterior Analytics* 11.19"

M. Burnyeat, "Is an Aristotelian Philosophy of Mind still credible?"

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R. Sorabji, "Intentionality and Psychological Processes..."

V. Caston, "The Spirit and the Letter..."

\_\_\_\_\_ "Aristotle on Perceptual Content"

#### Requirements:

1. Attendance is required.
2. Copies of assigned material for a given week must be brought to class.
3. There will be two or three papers on assigned topics due on dates to be announced.