PHIL 301: Socrates and Plato

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TTh 2.50-4.10 pm
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Course Description

The course is a study of Plato’s Republic. We will read the Republic in conjunction with Nicholas White’s Companion to Plato’s Republic.

Reading

There are two required readings for the course:

Plato’s Republic
Translated by G M A Grube
Hackett Publishing
Second Edition

A Companion to Plato’s Republic
Nicholas White
978-0-915144-92-1
Hackett Publishing

It is important to buy this exact edition of Plato, since the Companion uses that pagination. As well, make sure that you buy the edition of Grube edited by Reeves.

In addition, we will read a few secondary readings that will be uploaded to Sakai.

Schedule

Week 1 (Thursday, Jan 23 – Tuesday, Jan 28): Book 1 (Republic + Companion)

Week 2 (Thursday, Jan 30 – Tuesday, …): Book 2 (Republic + Companion)

Week 3 (…): Book 3 (…)

Week 4 (…): Book 3 continued…

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Week n: Book 10

The end!

**Assessment**

Course grade is a function of three variables: participation, midterm paper, and final paper. Participation is measured by # of classes missed + # of comments per class. The midterm paper will be 5-7 pages, due Sunday, March 16th at 11:59 PM. The final paper will be 9-11 pages, due Wednesday, May 6th at 11:59 PM.

**Contact / Office Hours**

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