

Title and Code of Course: An Interactive Introduction into the History of Greek Philosophy BSB9443

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar ☒ Lecture ☐	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination ☐ In-Class Presentation ☐ Other ☒
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Course Description:

The course aims to offer a brief introduction into the history of ancient Greek philosophy from the Presocratic philosophers (6th century – mid-5th century BC) until the age of the Neoplatonists of the 5th century AD. The interactive lectures and seminars will include a selection of texts and excerpts from various ancient thinkers like Thales, Heraclitus, Empedocles, Plato, Aristotle, Plotinus, Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius and others. The analysis of selected and previously read passages will be followed by discussion. The evaluation will be based on the student's home-written essay, which can be submitted until the last teaching day of the semester.

Bibliography:

G. S. Kirk – J. F. Raven: *The Presocratic Philosophers. A Critical History with a Selection of Texts* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1957)

<https://archive.org/details/presocraticphilo033229mbp>

The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://plato.stanford.edu/>

Heraclitus' fragments: <http://www.heraclitusfragments.com/index.html>

Selected fragments by Presocratics (including Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Zeno of Elea, Anaxagoras, Empedocles, Leucippus and Democritus):

<https://www.mnsu.edu/philosophy/Presocratic%20fragments.pdf>

Plato: *The Apology of Socrates* <http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/apology.html>

Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics* <http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.1.i.html>

Epictetus: *Enchiridion* <http://classics.mit.edu/Epictetus/epicench.html>

Marcus Aurelius: *Meditations* <http://classics.mit.edu/Antoninus/meditations.1.one.html>

Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Eminent Philosophers*

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0258%3Abook%3D1%3Achapter%3Dprologue>

Rankin, H.D., *Sophists, Socratics and Cynics* (New Jersey: Barnes & Noble, 1983)