
Fall 2014
MWF 1:00-1:50am

Aristotle:

Nicomachean Ethics [GREK 1110 O S01]

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Overview

How best to live? *Spoiler alert*: the life of the mind -- so Aristotle claims in Book X of the *Nicomachean Ethics*. But this is only where the questions begin for us in this class, since we must ask how can we, as embodied beings, live the life of the mind? Man cannot live on contemplation alone, after all, so where exactly does Aristotle draw this line between the life of the body and the life of the mind? We will focus on the books that deal with this question (I, VI, X) and also read and discuss secondary scholarship to engage with a broad range of Aristotelian issues.

Evaluation

For Undergraduates

- Class Participation (be present and prepared for all classes)
- Final 7-10 pg. research paper (~1750-2500 words; 25% of grade)
- Test #1 (10% of grade)
- Test #2 (10% of grade)
- Final Exam (20% of grade)

For Graduates

- Class Participation (be present and prepared for all classes)
- Final 20 pg. research paper (25% of grade)
- Read in Greek the *NE* in its entirety
- Test #1 (10% of grade)
- Test #2 (10% of grade)
- Final Exam (20% of grade)

Required Books

- Aristotle *Ethica Nicomachea* (Bywater) Oxford
- Aristotle Burnet Commentary (I will provide Bk. 1 as a xerox, which is in the public domain and can be downloaded online, but I strongly suggest you buy a physical copy of the book as well)



Milestones

10/3/14

Test #1

11/7/14

Test #2

11/14/14

The topic of your final essay sent to me by email

This is a rough sketch of the reading: depending on how slowly or quickly we read (roughly one OCT page per session to begin with) this schedule will almost certainly change

Week 1: Introduction to Aristotle

Wed. 9/3: Introduction

Fri. 9/5: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Week 2:

Mon. 9/8: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Wed. 9/10: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Fri. 9/12: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Week 3:

Mon. 9/15: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Wed. 9/17: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Fri. 9/19: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Week 4:

Mon. 9/22: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Wed. 9/24: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Fri. 9/26: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Week 5:

Mon. 9/29: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Wed. 10/1: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Fri. 10/3: *Nicomachean Ethics* 1

Week 6:

Mon. 10/6: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Wed. 10/8: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Fri. 10/10: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Week 7:

Mon. 10/13: Fall Weekend Holiday

Wed. 10/15: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Fri. 10/15: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Week 8:

Mon. 10/20: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Wed. 10/22: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Fri. 10/24: *Nicomachean Ethics* 6

Week 9:

Mon. 10/27: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 10/29: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Fri. 10/31: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Week 10:

Mon. 11/3: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 11/5: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Fri. 11/7: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Week 11:

Mon. 11/10: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 11/12: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Fri. 11/14: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

*** By today, please send me your final paper topics by email***

Week 12:

Mon. 11/17: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 11/19: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Fri. 11/21: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Week 13:

Mon. 11/24: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 11/26: *Thanksgiving: No Class*

Fri. 11/28: *Thanksgiving: No Class*

Week 14:

Mon. 12/1: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Wed. 12/3: *Nicomachean Ethics* 10

Fri. 12/5: Final Discussion

Week 15

Reading Period: Sun. 12/7- Thurs. 12/11

Final Paper due at the end of Reading Week

Final Exam Date & Time TBA