

PHIL 210-1

History of Philosophy:
Ancient
Visiting Professor

M/W

12:30 - 1:50

Kresge 2415

Ethics & Values Distro Area

This course introduces fundamental philosophical ideas and methods through the works of some of the greatest philosophers who have ever lived. We will engage with the arguments and ideas of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, and Cicero. They will help us think about how we should live, the place of wisdom and pleasure in a good life, the role of definitions in philosophical knowledge, the nature of the sensible world, the structure of scientific knowledge, and a host of other philosophical topics that were deeply influential on the rest of western philosophy.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn to: clearly lay out philosophical positions and arguments, evaluating their strengths and weakness; carefully read, learn from, and explain difficult philosophical texts; and, more specifically, understand key arguments and ideas put forward by ancient Greek and Roman philosophers.

