We will be working through Plato’s Phaedo, which covers a wide range of topics in ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, and methodology. It famously includes one of Plato’s most developed account of the forms alongside four arguments for the immortality of the soul. It also presents an important account of Plato’s contemplative ethics. Topics covered will include: the nature of the soul; the relationship between the body and the soul; what the best life is and how this is related to the nature of the body and the soul; why (and in what sense) Plato thinks that the forms are distinct from sensible things; how we can acquire knowledge; the proper methodology for scientific investigation.