

Ancient Philosophy

PHIL 3111, NET

Spring, 2021



Course Description:

The course is a survey of some of the crucial texts and moments of ancient Greek philosophy. We will investigate the “beginnings” of philosophia as “love of wisdom,” addressing the historical question of the distinction between “wisdom” and “love of wisdom,” look at the beginning of what has been since then called “metaphysics.” We will address problems of metaphysics, logic, epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics by looking at texts of the Presocratics, Plato, Aristotle, Plotinus, and Epicurus.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the careful reading, interpretation, and discussion of texts. Objectives of the course are learning how to read, explain, and interpret philosophical texts as well as to assess the historical transformation of philosophical ideas.

If you have any questions or concerns about the course, please feel free to email the instructor at: anuzzo@brooklyn.cuny.edu.