

Phil 3105 Landmarks in the History of Philosophy

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This course covers 'landmark' philosophical texts and theories from the Western tradition - from the ancients to the modern and contemporary period. We will pursue a close reading and detailed discussion of selections from texts that no philosophy student can ignore - among them Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Descartes' *Meditations*, Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*.

Students will learn how to read and analyze philosophical texts, how to reconstruct and compare philosophical arguments, how to recognize the historical development of philosophical ideas, and how to relate such ideas and arguments to the discussion of contemporary issues.