Course Description

This course will provide students with an overview of Ancient Greek Philosophy. The core of the course will consist of several complete dialogues of Plato and generous portions of the major works of Aristotle. In addition, students will read some selections both from the so-called “Pre-Socratic” philosophers and the “Sophists”, and from Hellenistic philosophers, including Skeptics and Epicureans. Finally, we will look at how Ancient Greek ideas and systems were translated, perpetuated, and transformed by Arabic thinkers during the early ‘Abbasid Period. Some familiarity with philosophy (such as one would get from PHIL 2101 or an equivalent introduction to philosophy) would be optimal, but otherwise, no specialized philosophical knowledge will be assumed.

A draft syllabus of the course will be available in January 2020.

Questions about the course may be directed to the instructor: aarlig@brooklyn.cuny.edu.