

# PHIL20040 Greek Philosophy

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50												
<b>Level:</b>	2 (Undergraduate)												
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	This subject is not offered in 2011.												
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 3 (2x 1 hour lectures each week and 1x 1 hour tutorial in weeks 2-12) Total Time Commitment: 8.5 hours each week												
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None.												
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None.												
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	<p>One of the following subjects is recommended</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNIB10002 Logic: Language and Information</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions	Not offered 2011	12.50	UNIB10002 Logic: Language and Information	Not offered 2011	12.50	PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers	Not offered 2011	12.50
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<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None												
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>												
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>This subject examines Greek theories of knowledge, reality and value, concentrating on Plato and Aristotle as the seminal figures in Greek philosophy, but also including some coverage of Presocratic and Hellenistic philosophers.</p> <p>Specific questions to be discussed will include: How is knowing possible? What roles in knowledge are played by perception, and by the intellect? What is the reality we seek to know? What is the nature of the soul and mind? How are values - religious, ethical, aesthetic and epistemic values - to be understood, and how do they 'fit in' to reality? Differences in the approaches to these questions to be found in the pre-Socratics, and in Aristotle and Plato, will be explored.</p> <p>Greek philosophy is fascinating in its own right. But it also launches the whole discipline of philosophy. The subject will also involve some discussion of how Greek approaches to the questions mentioned both prefigure, but also diverge from, the ways these questions were taken up in the subsequent trajectory of western philosophy.</p>												
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>On completion of this subject students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># be able to give an account of the scope, achievements, and principal concerns of some central Greek philosophical investigations into the nature of reality, knowledge and value.</li> <li># be able to trace connections between ancient and modern treatments of the philosophical issues explored during the semester.</li> </ul>												
<b>Assessment:</b>	A written assignment of 2000 words worth 50%, due mid-semester. A 2-hour written examination worth 50%, at the end of semester. This subject has a minimum hurdle requirement of 75% tutorial attendance. Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per day. In-class tasks missed												

	without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available from the University bookshop at the beginning of semester.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have developed their powers of critical and analytical thinking.</li> <li># be able to apply these powers to problems and issues in other areas of philosophy, and in other disciplines.</li> <li># have a deeper understanding of what it means to be a human being.</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/</a>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy Major