

PHIL*2140-DE HISTORY OF GREEK & ROMAN PHILOSOPHY

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Brief Course Synopsis:

Studying ancient philosophy means studying some of the most powerful ideas that philosophy has generated. Many of these ideas have directly influenced the way we think about the nature of reality, how to live a good life, law, justice, and the proper way to relate to one's government. We will begin by reading Heraclitus and Parmenides, two Pre-Socratic philosophers, who discuss the nature of reality, and our place within it. We will then look to Plato's *Apology*, *Phaedo*, and *Phaedrus*. We will learn about the nature of philosophy, knowledge, reality, justice, and death. In Aristotle, we will discuss, in practical terms, what it means to live a good life, and how we can properly relate to our government. Seneca will give us an introduction to stoicism and practical politics.

Textbooks: TBA

Evaluation: TBA