

Course description

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Course name:	Reading Seminar in Philosophy I		
Academic Year:	2024/2025	Printed:	29.05.2024 21:17

Department/Unit /	KFR / MREA1			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Reading Seminar in Philosophy I			Type of completion	Course-credit
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 5 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Seminar 2 [HRS/WEEK]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	NO
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	NO
Winter semester	0 / 20	0 / 0	0 / 20	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	English			Semester taught	Winter semester
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	S N				
No. of hours of on-premise	0				
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

The aim of the seminar is to go through the main argument of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. We will first consider Aristotle's identification of the highest human good with happiness (eudaimonia) and his argument for the different constituents of happiness; we will then move on to his definition of virtue (areté); we will next consider his division of virtue into practical and theoretical, and his account of practical virtue; next step will be his seminal examination of responsibility as the necessary condition of moral judgement and the location of responsibility in what is voluntary (action); lastly we will consider the role of both practical and theoretical reasoning (fronésis, sofia).

The seminar seeks to show how to deal with a seminal philosophical text: to follow and engage with the argument and see where it leads both in particular and in general.

Requirements: Active attendance, a presentation in the seminar, and a written essay on one of the topics discussed in the seminar (2.000 to 3.000 words).

1) 20. 9.

Introductory lesson: General introduction to the Nicomachean Ethics, Structure of EN, Formal requirements, translations used, distribution of presentations

2) 27. 9.

EN I 1094a1-1097a14: Teleological structure of reality, the highest good is happiness and views on happiness.

3) 4. 10.

EN I 1097a15-1098a20: The constitutive features of happiness and Aristotle's definition of happiness.

4) 11. 10.

EN I 1098b22-1101b9: The compatibility of Aristotle's definition of happiness with previous views and external circumstances.

5) 18. 10.

EN I 1102a5 - EN II 1105b18: The parts of the soul, the kinds of virtues, and the relation of virtue and action.

6) 25. 10.

EN II 1105b19-1107a27: Virtue is hexis and centre.

7) 1. 11.

EN III 1109b30-1111b3: Voluntariness.
 8) 8. 11.
 EN III 1111b4-1113a14: Prohairesis and boulesis.
 9) 15. 11.
 EN III 1113a15-1115a3: Boulésis and voluntariness of virtue, summary.
 10) 22. 11.
 EN VI 1139b14-1142a30 + 1143b14-1145a11: Fronésis, sofia.
 11) 29. 11.
 EN X 1176a30-1178a8: Theória.
 12) 6. 12.
 EN X 1178a9-1181b24: Theoria and other virtues, external goods, conclusion.
 13) 13. 12.
 Overall summary EN

Text:

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, trans. W. D. Ross (rev. by J. O. Urmson), in Aristotle, The Complete Works, J. Barnes (ed.), Princeton University Press (Princeton), 1991.

I. Bywater (ed.), Aristotelis Ethica Nicomachea, Oxford University Press (Oxford), 1988.

Secondary literature:

Bostock, D., Aristotle's Ethics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Pakaluk, M. Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: An Introduction, Cambridge University Press (Cambridge), 2005.

Broadie, S. - Rowe, Ch., Nicomachean Ethics: Translation, Introduction, Commentary, Oxford University Press (Oxford), 2002.

Gauthier - Jolif, L'Éthique ? Nicomaque : Introduction, traduction et commentaire I-IV, Publication Universitaires Louvain, 1970

Wolf, U., Aristotles' Nikomachische Ethik, WBG (Darmstadt), 2007.

Requirements on student

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Content

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Competences acquired

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Mgr. Ondřej Krása, Ph.D.
- **Seminar lecturer:** Sylvie Bláhová, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Ondřej Krása, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	1	ZS
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Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	1	ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS

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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Social and cultural anthropology	Follow-up study	Full-time	Social and cultural anthropology	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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