



## PHIL 210G: Ancient & Medieval Philosophy:

Fall 2021

### Course Outline

#### Class Start Date & End Date

Sept. 9, 2021 – Dec. 9, 2021

#### Class Meeting Time, Location, and Room

Tuesday (St. Francis Room) & Thursday (St. Eugene de Mazenod Room)  
1:15pm to 2:35pm

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#### Course Description

A study of the major early Greek and Medieval philosophers that have been influential in theology. Special attention will be given to themes related to philosophy of nature in Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Scotus and Ockham.

#### Course Objectives

##### B.A. Program Students

- a) Broad familiarity with the contributions of Catholicism to Western Culture.
- b) Knowledge of major Western philosophical disciplines, and especially Thomism.
- c) Skills in reading, writing and oral communication.
- d) Skills in logical analysis and research.
- e) Opportunity for Growth in Christian discipleship.

#### Course Assignments and Evaluation

1. 3-page commentary on the writings of one Pre-Socratic philosopher of your choice.  
Value 15%
2. 6-page research paper on Aquinas' Principles of Nature. 30%

3. 3-page assessment of conversations with assigned partner. 15%
4. Final Exam to be scheduled by the Registrar covering material from the entire course.  
Value 40%

### **Textbooks**

5. A Presocratics Reader, Trs. Patricia Curd and Richard D. McKirahan. Hackett Publishing.
6. Plato, Phaedo, Tr. GMA Grube. Hackett Publishing
7. Aristotle, The Basic Works of Aristotle, Tr. Richard McKeon, ed. CDC Reeve, Modern Library
8. Thomas Aquinas, Basic Philosophical Writing. Tr. Stephen Baldner, Broadview Pr.

### **Recommended Reading**

1. Frederick Copleston, SJ, A History of Western Philosophy Vol. 1 Greece & Rome and Vol. 2. Medieval Philosophy,.

### **Late Submission Policy.**

-10% per weekday late. Exceptions will only be given in advance for legitimate reasons. Exceptions after the fact will only be considered in the case of unforeseen emergencies.

### **Course Schedule**

Week 1	Intro to the Course and Presocratics, Milesian Philosophers, pp. 13-23.
Week 2	Presocratics, Heraclitus and Parmenides, pp. 39-65.
Week 3	Plato, Phaedo. pp. 27-50
Week 4	Plato, Phaedo, pp. 50-101.
Week 5	Aristotle, Physics, ,Book I
Week 6	Aristotle, Physics, Books II and III part 1-3.
Week 7	Aristotle, De Anima, Book 3
Week 8	Aquinas, Principles of Nature, 1-3.
Week 9	Aquinas, Principles of Nature, 4-6
Week 10	Aquinas, Soul and Body, Baldner, 3.A., from Summa.
Week 11	Scotus on the Soul, Baldner, Appendix F.
Week 12	Ockham on the Soul, Baldner Appendix G.

### **General Academic Information**

#### **Course Attendance**

No credit will be given for a course if the student has been absent, for any reason whatever, from one-third or more of the lectures and/or seminars scheduled for the term. Likewise, no credit will be given if term assignments or other assignments are or remain incomplete.

### Leave of Absence and Policy for Incompletes

Extensions to an incomplete grade may be granted in extenuating circumstances, but may not exceed 16 weeks following the end of the course. Students who fail to complete course work by the agreed deadline will have a grade assigned which is based on work completed.

### Academic Integrity

Acts of academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are subject to an appropriate penalty. The grade “F” may be assigned to a student guilty of such acts by the professor of the course in which the infraction occurred. A second offense against academic integrity renders the student liable to automatic dismissal from NTC. Further details are available in the Academic Calendar in the Academic Misconduct Policy.

### Academic Grievances

Students may appeal grades received; the procedure is outlined in the Academic Calendar in the Grade Appeal Policy. For other grievances, students will refer to the Student Grievances Policy also outlined in the Academic Calendar.

*NOTE: The GPA is computed on the basis of cumulative grade point (letter) values, not percentage values. All courses are included in this calculation except those exceeding degree requirements and/or received as transfer credits from other recognized institutions.*

### Grading System

Undergraduate Studies			Graduate Studies		
Grade Meaning	Grade	Grade Point	Grade Meaning	Grade	Grade Point
Excellent	A+	4.0	Excellent	A+	4.0
	A	4.0		A	4.0
	A-	3.7		A-	3.7
Good	B+	3.3	Good	B+	3.3
	B	3.0		B	3.0
	B-	2.7		B-	2.7
Adequate	C+	2.3	Adequate	C+	2.3
	C	2.0		C	2.0
	C-	1.7		C-	1.7
Marginal	D+	1.3	Fail	D+	1.3
	D	1.0		D	1.0
				F	0.0

Fail	F	0.0
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**Written Assignments - Style and Format**

Newman Theological College requires that all written work be submitted in acceptable academic format and style. Please note the following regulations:

**Regulations**

Research papers, book reports, article summaries, reflection papers, and essays should be double-spaced, printed on one side only, and submitted on white, 8.5" x 11" paper.

A standard type style, such as Times New Roman, with a 12-point font size, must be used. The instructor will specify the most recent edition of the style manual to be used:

1. Kate Turabian, "A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations" (Chicago: University of Chicago Press).
2. Joseph Gibaldi & William Aichters, eds., "MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers" (New York: Modern Language Association of America).
3. American Psychological Association "Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association" (Washington: APA Publications).

Copies of these standard references may be purchased in the NTC bookstore.

Ignorance of standard form is not considered an acceptable excuse for deviation from required standards of format and style.

**Academic Regulations**

The following Academic Regulations are located in the Academic Calendar for your reference:

- Changes in Registration: Add/Drop/Withdraw Notice
- Course Work
- Final Examination Schedule
- Incomplete Grade Policy
- Inclusive Language

**Related Academic Matters**

The following Related Academic Matters are located in the Academic Calendar for your reference:

- Grade Reports & Posting
- Glossary of Academic Terms

### **Other Related Policies**

The following policies are located in the Academic Calendar for your reference:

- Academic Misconduct Policy
- Grade Appeal Policy

### **Recording of Lectures**

Audio or video recording of lectures, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior consent of the instructor. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study, and is not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s).

### **Student Accessibility Services:**

A student with special needs that could affect their performance in class should contact their professor during the first week of the term so that appropriate arrangements can be made. They should also register with Student Services by contacting Sr. Zoe Bernatsky at 780-392-2450 ext. 2213; email [zoe.bernatsky@newman.edu](mailto:zoe.bernatsky@newman.edu)

**Bibliography** (May be distributed in class.)