

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Philosophy Course Number: 9044
Ancient Political Philosophy: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle**

Winter 2024

Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. We will
of Plato and Aristotle, with a focus on how their views

TEXTS

Plato, *Complete Works* (<http://bitly.ws/x5xM>). This is the main collection of Plato's dialogues used by scholars that contains excellent translations of all his works.
Aristotle, *Complete Works* (Volume 2), edited by Jonathan Barnes.

OBJECTIVES

This course has two objectives. The first is to give students of philosophy an introduction to the origins and foundations of their discipline, including the problems that define it. The second is to help students develop their ability to read and understand difficult philosophical texts and to reflect on the ideas and arguments they offer us. These are basic skills that every well-rounded philosopher should have.

REQUIREMENTS

Short Exegetical Assignments	15% x 3
Term paper (three parts)	
• Outline	10%
• Final paper	35%
Participation	5%

*See OWL for instructions.

Due

PLAGIARISM CHECKING

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