

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline**

easy reference. Most online translations do NOT have that, so I would avoid them except in a pinch.

### **Suggested:**

Students who want more out of the course may wish to consult the *Blackwell Guide to Plato's Republic* and the *Cambridge Companion to Plato's Republic*. They contain scholarly articles that will help guide you through the dialogue.

## **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**

Four short textual analyses*	20% (5% each)
Essay One.	30%
Essay Two.	40%
Participation**	10%

\*See OWL for instructions and due dates.

\*\*The participation grade is determined entirely on the basis of OWL forum posts. No portion of the grade depends on attending the in person classes.

Late Paper/Extensions Policy. [1] Papers must be submitted through OWL by 11:00 pm on the day they are due. Late penalties are 3% per day (starting at 11:01 pm on the due date) for a maximum of 5 days, after which the assignment will not be accepted. [2] Since the essays are both over 30%, any extensions must be sought through the Academic Counsellor's Office of your home faculty. I cannot grant extensions, so please do not ask. [3] SRAs (self-reported absence). Note that the SRA system cannot be used for assignments over 30%. So they cannot be used for essays.

## **COVID-19 POLICY**

All students must adhere to Western's vaccine policy:

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Students are also required to wear triple layer non-medical masks at all times in the classroom as per Western policy and public health directives. Students who are unable to wear a mask for medical or religious reasons must seek formal accommodation through Accessible Education at [aew@uwo.ca](mailto:aew@uwo.ca). Students are expected not to eat or dri



The last day of scheduled classes in any course will be the last day on which course assignments will be accepted for credit in a course. Instructors will be required to return assignments to students as promptly as possible with reasonable explanations of the instructor's assessment of the assignment.

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**ACADEMIC OFFENCES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy,

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