

Aristotle course

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The course consists in a more or less exhaustive survey of Aristotle's views concerning knowledge and being. In examining Aristotle's main arguments for the possibility of knowledge, and scientific knowledge (*episteme*) in particular, as well as his main arguments for the priority of substance among all other beings and the dependence of all other beings on substantial beings, we will also consider the views of earlier philosophers (Presocratics and Plato) against which Aristotle reacts before constructing and proposing his own picture of reality.

The requirements for the course consist in the presentation and submission of a short essay (max: 3000 words excluding footnotes and bibliography) on one of the following topics

1. Aristotle's theory of substance in the *Categories*.

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Dancy, R., 1975. "On Some of Aristotle's First Thoughts about Substances," *Philosophical Review*, 84: 338–373.

—, 1978. "On some of Aristotle's Second Thoughts about Substances: Matter," *Philosophical Review*, 87: 372–413.

Owen, G.E.L., 1965b. "Aristotle on the Snares of Ontology," in R. Bambrough (ed.), *New Essays on Plato and Aristotle*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, pp. 69–95.

2. Aristotle's theory of the categories.

Ackrill, J. L., 1963. *Aristotle: Categories and De Interpretatione*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Frede, Michael, 1981. "Categories in Aristotle", reprinted in M. Frede, *Essays in Ancient Philosophy*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1987, 29–48.

Studtmann, P., 2012. "Aristotle's Categorical Scheme," in Shields (ed.) 2012, pp. 63–80.

3. Aristotle on non-substantial individuals

Ackrill, J. L., 1963. *Aristotle: Categories and De Interpretatione*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Devereux, Daniel T., 1992. "Inherence and Primary Substance in Aristotle's *Categories*," *Ancient Philosophy* 12: 113–131.

Heinaman, R., 1981a. "Non-substantial Individuals in the *Categories*," *Phronesis*, 26: 295–307.

Owen, G.E.L., 1965a. "Inherence," *Phronesis*, 10: 97–105.

Wedin, Michael V., 1993. "Nonsubstantial Individuals," *Phronesis*, 38: 137–165.

4. Aristotle's theory of the principles of change. (*Physics* I.7-8)

Aristotle, *Physics*, Books I–II, translated with introduction and notes by William Charlton, Oxford: Clarendon Press (Clarendon Aristotle Series), 1970 (2nd. ed. 1992).

Aristotle, *Physics*, revised Greek text with introduction and commentary by William David Ross, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936.

Lorenz, Hendrik, 2019, “*Physics* I.7, Part 2: The Principles of Natural Things—Two or Three?” in Katerina Ierodiakonou, Paul Kalligas and Vassilis Karasmanis (eds.), *Aristotle's Physics Alpha*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 262–285.

Morison, Benjamin, 2019, “*Physics* I.7, Part 1: The Complexity of a Subject in a Change” in Katerina Ierodiakonou, Paul Kalligas and Vassilis Karasmanis (eds.), *Aristotle's Physics Alpha*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 229–261.

5. Aristotle's theory of motion (*Physics* III.1-3)

Aristotle, *Physics*, Books III–IV, translated with notes by Edward Hussey, Oxford: Clarendon Press (Clarendon Aristotle Series), 1983.

Aristotle, *Physics*, revised Greek text with introduction and commentary by William David Ross, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936.

Coope, Ursula, 2009, “Change and its relation to actuality and potentiality,” in Georgios Anagnostopoulos (ed.), *A Companion to Aristotle*, Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 277–291.

Kosman, L. Aryeh, 1969, “Aristotle's definition of motion,” *Phronesis*, 14: 40–62.

6. Aristotle's notion of cause (*Physics* II.3)

Frede, M., 1980, “The Original Notion of Cause,” in J. Barnes, M. F. Burnyeat, M. Schofield (eds.), *Doubt and Dogmatism: Studies in Hellenistic Epistemology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 217–249; reprinted in M. Frede, *Essays in Ancient Philosophy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989, 125–150.

Moravcsik, J. M., 1991, “What Makes Reality Intelligible? Reflections on Aristotle's Theory of *Aitia*,” in L. Judson (ed.) *Aristotle's Physics: A Collection of Essays*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 31–48.

7. Aristotle's Hylomorphism.

Cohen, S. Marc, 1992 [1995], “Hylomorphism and Functionalism,” in Nussbaum and Rorty (eds.) 1992 [1995], 57–73.

Williams, Bernard, 1986, “Hylomorphism,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 4: 189–99.

8. Aristotle's theory of causation and his teleology. (*Physics* II.7-8)

Aristotle, *Physics*, Books I–II, translated with introduction and notes by William Charlton, Oxford: Clarendon Press (Clarendon Aristotle Series), 1970 (2nd. ed. 1992).

Aristotle, *Physics*, revised Greek text with introduction and commentary by William David Ross, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936.

Cooper, J. M., 1982, “Aristotle on Natural Teleology,” in M. Schofield and M. Nussbaum (eds.), *Language and Logos*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 197–222; reprinted in J. M. Cooper,

Knowledge, Nature and the Good: Essays on Ancient Philosophy, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004, 107–129.

Sauvé Meyer, S., 1992, “Aristotle, Teleology, and Reduction,” *Philosophical Review*, 101, 791–825; reprinted in T. Irwin (ed.), *Classical Philosophy. Collected Papers*, New York/London: Routledge, 1995, 81–116.

Scharle, M., 2008, “Elemental Teleology in Aristotle’s *Physics* II 8,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 34: 147–184.

9. Aristotle’s definition of the soul. (De Anima II.1-3)

Corcilius, K. and Gregoric, P., 2010, “Separability vs. Difference: Parts and Capacities of the Soul in Aristotle,” *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 39: 81–120.

Frede, Michael, 1992 [1995], “On Aristotle’s Conception of Soul,” in Nussbaum and Rorty (eds.) 1992 [1995], 93–107.

Shields, Christopher, 2016, *Aristotle’s De Anima*, translated with commentary, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

10. Levels of potentiality and actuality. (De Anima II.5)

Burnyeat, Myles, 2002, “De Anima II 5,” *Phronesis*, 47: 28–90.

Shields, Christopher, 2016, *Aristotle’s De Anima*, translated with commentary, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

11. The ontology of the *Metaphysics* (form)

Driscoll, J., 1981, “*Eidê* in Aristotle’s Earlier and Later Theories of Substance,” in O’Meara 1981, pp. 129–159.

Frede, Michael, 1990, “The Definition of Sensible Substances in *Metaphysics Z*,” in Devereux and Pellegrin 1990, pp. 113–129.

Gill, Mary Louise, 2005b “Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* Reconsidered,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 43: 223–251.

Loux, Michael J., 1979, “Form, Species, and Predication in *Metaphysics Z*, H, and Θ ,” *Mind*, 88: 1–23.

12. The ontology of the *Metaphysics* (Universals)

Leshner, James H., 1971, “Aristotle on Form, Substance, and Universals: a Dilemma,” *Phronesis*, 16: 169–178.

and Universal in Aristotle, Liverpool: F. Cairns.

Loux, Michael J., 1979, “Form, Species, and Predication in *Metaphysics Z*, H, and Θ ,” *Mind*, 88: 1–23.

—, 2009, “Aristotle on Universals,” in Anagnostopoulos 2009, pp. 186–196.

Woods, Michael, 1967, “Problems in *Metaphysics Z*, Chapter 13,”; in J. Moravcsik (ed.), *Aristotle: A Collection of Critical Essays*, New York: Anchor, pp. 215–238.