

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Philosophy and Arts

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XFIB080	Name: Seminar on Ancient Philosophy I		
Cover: Department of Philosophy			
Type of educational activity: Seminar Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2 For term of study: ZS 46 Method of educational activity: Combined		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
			Study grade:
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-D) Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-E)		
3.year WT	Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-D) Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-E)		
4.year WT	Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-E)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination			
Continuous evaluation: During the semester, the student actively participates on seminars, analyses selected textual materials, and interprets unclear passages. For active participation, he / she can get 20 points taken into account in the overall evaluation. The condition for completing the course is also self-study, which includes: study of recommended literature and materials, preparation for analysis of selected texts and writing of seminar work on topic which was discussed at seminars, widening the knowledge of an era of ancient philosophy and contemporary research of the field.			
Final evaluation: Seminar work To obtain the grade A the student must obtain at least 93 points, to obtain the grade B at least 86 points, to obtain the grade C at least 79 points, to obtain the grade D at least 72 points, to obtain grade E at least 65 points. Credits will not be awarded to a student who obtains 0 points for any part of the overall assessment. The course will be completed by written seminar work with a maximum evaluation of 80 points according to the conditions of the teacher. The seminar work must rely on relevant primary and secondary literature and address the issue discussed at the seminars. Student shows ability to analyse, interpret and work critically with selected materials from ancient philosophy. 20 points will be awarded for active participation during the semester. In total, student can get a maximum of 100 points.			
Finished:			
Learning outcomes:			
The aim of the course is orientation and understanding of selected crucial texts of ancient philosophy. By passing the course the student is able to: – assess contemporary problems with applying the perspective of ancient philosophers – work with ancient documents and their language – competently address early cultural history of Europe and Western thought. – use the range of own knowledge in communication practice – have a discussion with historical questions related to ancient culture and thinking – differentiate and compare terminological and thought content in particular ancient periods – interpret texts and perspectives, especially regarding ancient philosophy – apply issues of ancient thought on formation of own personality, integrity, and morals			
Schedule of subject:			
Plato's concept of the soul Plato's conception of ideas The concept of physis and cause in Aristotle's Physics The object of first philosophy in Aristotle's Metaphysics.			
Recommended reading:			
MARTINKA, J. (ed.): Antológia z diel filozofov I. Predsokratici a Platón. Bratislava: Iris 1998. MARTINKA, J. (ed.): Antológia z diel filozofov II. Od Aristotela po Plotina. Bratislava: Iris 2006. ARISTOTELÉS: Etika Nikomachova. Praha: Petr Rezek 2021. GRAESER, A. Řecká filosofie klasického období. Praha: OIKOYMENH 2000. LEAR, J.: Aristotelés. Touha rozumět. Praha: OIKOYMENH 2016. REALE, G.: Platón. Praha: OIKOYMENH 2005. WYLLER, E. A.: Pozdní Platón. Praha: Rezek 1996.			
Language requirements: Slovak, English			

Notes:					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 10					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
30%	10%	30%	10%	10%	10%
Lecturers: Mgr. Mgr. Michal Zvarík, PhD., examiner, instructor, seminary supervisor					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. Mgr. Peter Šajda, PhD.					