

**PHIL 31: Ancient Philosophy**  
**Fall 2005; David O. Brink**  
**Syllabus**

Here is a list of topics and readings. Required readings are preceded by '(A)'. Recommended but optional readings are preceded by '(B)'. Within a topic, it's important to do the readings in the order in which they are listed. Required readings can be found in the two required texts: Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy, ed. Cohen et al [RAGP] and Hellenistic Philosophy, ed. Inwood and Gerson [HP].

**1. GENERAL**

(B) A useful general work on ancient thought is Terence Irwin, Classical Thought (Oxford University Press)

**2. THE PRESOCRATICS**

(A) Heraclitus, Parmenides, Leucippus and Democritus [RAGP]  
(B) Thales, Melissus, and Zeno [RAGP]

**3. SOCRATES**

(A) Apology, Euthyphro, and Protagoras (317e-334c, 348c-362a) [RAGP]  
(B) Crito [RAGP]

**4. PLATO**

(A) Meno, Phaedo (72d-107d, 114d-118a), Republic i-vii, Symposium (210d-212c) [RAGP]

**5. ARISTOTLE**

(A) Metaphysics i; Physics i 7-8, ii; Metaphysics vii; De Anima i 1, ii 1-6; Nicomachean Ethics i 1-5, 7-9, 13; x 6-9; ii 1-6; vii 1-3 [RAGP]

**6. EPICUREANS**

(A) Extant Letters, Ancient Maxims, Testimony of Cicero, Testimony of Lucretius [HP]

**7. STOICS**

(A) Philosophy, Logic and Knowledge, Ethics [HP]