

# **The Presocratic Philosophers**

**Phil 353-001**

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**Office Hours: Weds 9:30-11:30, IPLAI offices, 3610 McTavish, 2ed floor**

Birks 205; 2:35-3:25

Required Texts: Hesiod's *Theogony*; *The Presocratic Philosophers*, Kirk, Raven and Scholfield (2ed ed). ALWAYS BRING YOUR TEXT TO CLASS. Books are available at Paragraphe.

## **Grading Schema**

3 quizzes 10% each= 30%

mid term (in class) 30%

**term paper 40%** (Due April 20 3PM, Must supply BOTH hard copy and electronic copy. Late papers go down one grade a day, every holiday and weekend day counts as a day. The first day late you could get your paper in is April 23, THREE days late)

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Jan 8: Intro

Jan 10: Hesiod I

Jan 12: Hesiod II, Thales I

Jan 15: Thales II

Jan 17: Anaxamander I

Jan 19: Anaxamander II

Jan 22: Anaxamenes

Jan 24: Discussion I

Jan 26: Heraclitus I

Jan 29: Heraclitus II

Jan 31: Heraclitus III

Feb 2: Heraclitus IV

Feb 5: Heraclitus V  
Feb 7: Quiz I  
Feb 9: Parmenides I

Feb 12: Parmenides II  
Feb 14: Parmenides III  
Feb 16: Parmenides IV

Feb 19: Melissus  
Feb 21: Discussion II  
Feb 23: Midterm

Feb 26: Zeno I  
Feb 28: Zeno II  
Mar 2: Zeno III

Reading Week: Mar 5-9

Mar 12: Zeno IV  
Mar 14: Zeno V  
Mar 16: discussion III

Mar 19: Quiz II  
Mar 21: Anaxagoras I  
Mar 23: Anaxagoras II

Mar 26: Anaxagoras III  
Mar 28: Empedocles  
Mar 30: no class good fri

Apr 2: no class easter Monday  
Apr 4: Atomists I  
Apr 6: Atomists II

Apr 9: Atomists III  
Apr 11: Atomists IV  
Apr. 13: Discussion IV

Apr. 16: Quiz III