The Presocratic Philosophers
Phil 353-001
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Office Hours: Mon 1:00-3:00, Leacock 908

Arts 260; 10:35-11:25
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 15 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.)

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Jan 7: Intro
Jan 9: Hesiod I
Jan 11: Hesiod II, Thales I

Jan 14: Thales II
Jan 16: Anaxamander I
Jan 18: Anaxamander II

Jan 21: Anaxamenes
Jan 23: Discussion I
Jan 25: Heraclitus I

Jan 28: Heraclitus II
Jan 30: Heraclitus III
Feb 1: Heraclitus IV

Feb 4: Heraclitus V
Feb 6: Quiz I
Feb 8: Parmenides I
Feb 11: Parmenides II
Feb 13: Parmenides III
Feb 15: Parmenides IV
Feb 18: Melissus
Feb 20: Discussion II
Feb 22: Midterm
Feb 25: Zeno I
Feb 27: Zeno II
Mar 1: Zeno III
Reading Week: Mar 4-8
Mar 11: Zeno IV
Mar 13: Zeno V
Mar 15: discussion III
Mar 18: Quiz II
Mar 20: Anaxagoras I
Mar 22: Anaxagoras II
Mar 25: Anaxagoras III
Mar 27: Empedocles
Mar 29: Empedocles II
Apr 1: Atomists I
Apr 3: Atomists II
Apr 5: Atomists III
Apr 8: Atomists IV
Apr 10: Discussion IV
Apr. 12: Quiz III