

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline 2019-20**

**Ancient Philosophy: 2200F**

**Fall 2019**

**Tuesday 1:30-3:30, Thursday 1:30-2:30**

**Classroom UC 3110**

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**DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to ancient philosophy. Our focus will be on the thought of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, and our aim will be to understand what these philosophers say about the nature of reality, knowledge, human action, our place in the world, and what it means to live well. Questions to be examined include: What is knowledge and is it possible? How do we acquire knowledge? What sorts of things is it possible for us to know? What is the connection between virtue and knowledge? What is philosophy and how should we practice it? What is the connection between philosophy and politics?

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### **AUDIT**

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES**

The **Department of Philosophy Policies** which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Philosophy courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Philosophy website at <http://uwo.ca/philosophy/undergraduate/policies.html>.

## **ACADEMIC OFFENCES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

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Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

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