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PHIL 463:Aristotle

Spring Semester 2007

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SYLLABUS

Philosophy 463 is a first course in Aristotle intended for the mature student who has had a one-year history of philosophy course, an introductory logic course and, preferably, an introductory course in ethics. At a minimum, students should have completed a one term general course in the history of ancient philosophy comparable to UM's PHIL 251.

TEXTS:

Richard McKeon (ed.), *The Basic Works of Aristotle* (New York: Random House, 1941).

Aristotle, *The Politics*, Carnes Lord (trans.) (Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 1984).

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Martin Ostwald, trans. (LLA) -- Recommended.

Various texts on the course web page or library reserve.

REQUIREMENTS:

As always, the first requirement of the course will be to read the assigned material thoroughly and carefully prior to its being treated in class. It will be expected that students strike out on their own beyond the assigned reading, both in the Aristotelian texts and in the secondary material.

Each student will prepare a commentary on a small section of the *Nicomachean Ethics*. Portions of the commentary will be distributed to class members, other portions will be read to the class for discussion, and the entire commentary will be placed on reserve for other class members to read. (See On Commentaries for an explanation of the commentary format.)

Each student will write at least two brief, occasional papers (500-1000 words). These will treat problems raised by the texts and will be fundamentally exegetical in substance. Three such assignments will be made: all students will do the first paper and either of the other two; you may do both of the others, in which case the three best marks will be counted for the course grade.

Graduate students must present a term paper. Undergraduates may, under some conditions, present a term paper in lieu of a portion of the final examination.

There will be a final examination, cumulative in character, including both "objective" and essay questions. A study guide will be provided. There will be no mid-term examinations, though there may be a quiz in the third week.

READINGS:

	TOPIC and TEXT	WEEK
1.	Introduction [McKeon (M), "Preface"; Reeve, "Introduction"]	I

2.	<i>History of Animals</i> [M. 631-640]	I
3.	<i>On the Parts of Animals</i> [M. 641-661]	II
4.	<i>On the Generation of Animals</i> [M.663-680]	II,III
5.	<i>On the Soul</i> , I.1,2; II, III [M. 534-542, 554-603]	IV
6.	<i>Categories</i> (all) [M. 3-37]	V
7.	<i>On Interpretation</i> , 1-9 [M. 38-48]	VI
8.	G.E.M. Anscombe, "Aristotle and the Sea Battle" [reserve]	VI
9.	<i>Prior Analytics</i> , I.1; <i>Posterior Analytics</i> , I.1-6, II.19	VII
10.	<i>Physics</i> , Bk. I, chs. 1-2; Bk. II, chs. 1-8	VIII
11.	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Bks. I-VII-ch.10, Bk. VIII, Bk. X, chs.6-9	VIII,IX
12.	<i>Politics</i>	IX-XII
13.	<i>Metaphysics</i> , misc. works, as time permits	XIII-XIV

FINAL EXAM: Tue., May 8, 10:10-12:00