

PHIL/GRS 379 A01 (22547/21766) EARLY GREEK THOUGHT

Spring 2024, University of Victoria

Department of Philosophy

Course websites: <https://bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home/301578> (PHIL)

<https://bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home/300006> (GRS)

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Meeting Times & Place

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Course Description

This course surveys the ideas of a group of ancient Greek thinkers who inaugurated a new method of investigating and explaining the natural world. Ranging geographically in the Mediterranean from Turkey to Sicily and historically from the 6th to the 5th centuries BCE, they were united by the Greek language and a shared methodology of rationally explaining the world by means of its own inherent natural principles. These thinkers, sometimes misleadingly called

them that other students do not have an unfair advantage through cheating on essays, exams, and projects.

The responsibility of the student

Plagiarism sometimes occurs due to a misunderstanding regarding the rules of academic integrity, but it is the responsibility of the student to know them. If the student is unsure about the standards for citations or for referencing sources, the instructor should be consulted. Depending on the severity of the case, penalties include a warning, a failing grade, a record on or a suspension.

integrity. For the policy, see the September 2023 edition of the academic calendar (online here: [University of Victoria Statement on Academic Integrity](#)).

Intellectual property of materials on the LMS website

Please note that all assignments for this course and all materials posted to the LMS website are the intellectual property of myself and the University of Victoria. Do not circulate this material or post it to note-sharing sites or otherwise circulating course materials without the permission of your instructor violates the Policy on Academic Integrity (link above). Any evidence that you are circulating materials without permission will be referred to the Chair of the Philosophy Department for investigation.

Policy on Late or Missed Assignments

Any assignment submitted after the specified due date will be assessed a penalty of **6%** per day, unless the student can provide a legitimate reason for the delay. For information about legitimate reasons for academic concession, please see [here](#). The previous policies do not apply to students with documented disabilities; all attempt will be made to accommodate such students including, but not restricted to, providing make

<u>Week 8: Feb 19-23</u>	Reading Break
<u>Week 9: Feb 26-Mar 1</u>	<i>The Monists I: Parmenides</i> Readings: [PB] pp. 145-173
<u>Week 10: Mar 4-8</u>	<i>The Monists II: Zeno & Melissus</i> Readings: [PB] pp.174-192, 293-303 Take-Home Test #2: Mar 10-11
<u>Week 11: Mar 11-15</u>	<i>The Pluralists I: Anaxagoras</i> Readings: [PB] pp. 193-229
<u>Week 12: Mar 18-22</u>	<i>The Pluralists II: Empedocles</i> Readings: [PB] pp. 230-293
<u>Week 13: Mar 25-29</u>	<i>The Early Atomists: Leucippus & Democritus</i> Readings: [PB] pp. 303-342
<u>Week 14: Apr 1-5</u>	<i>Beyond the Natural World: The Sophists</i> Readings: [PB] pp. 365-404 Take-Home Test #3: Apr 7-8