

GRADUATE READING LIST I

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

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Presocratics

- *Philosophy Before Socrates: An Introduction with Texts and Commentary*, 2nd ed., ed. and trans. Richard D. McKirahan (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2010). ISBN: 9781603841825

NOTE: Students are obliged to bring this edition into the exam. Since other editions do not contain all of the relevant texts, the Reading List Committee has determined that this edition for the Presocratics is the best edition for the List I exam, despite its containing commentary.

4. Thales of Miletus (pp. 21–31)
5. Anaximander of Miletus (pp. 32–47)
6. Anaximenes of Miletus (pp. 48–57)
7. Xenophanes of Colophon (pp. 58–69)
9. Pythagoras of Samos and the Pythagoreans (only pp. 79–96)
10. Heraclitus of Ephesus (pp. 112–44)
11. Parmenides of Elea (pp. 145–73)
12. Zeno of Elea (pp. 174–92)
13. Anaxagoras of Clazomenae (pp. 193–229)
14. Empedocles of Acragas (pp. 230–92)
19. Fifth-Century Sophists (only pp. 375–404)

Plato

- *Complete Works*, ed. John M. Cooper and D. S. Hutchinson (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1997). ISBN: 9780872203495

- Euthyphro* (pp. 2–16)
- Apology* (pp. 18–36)
- Crito* (pp. 38–48)
- Phaedo* (pp. 50–100)
- Symposium* (pp. 458–505)
- Phaedrus* (pp. 507–56)
- Meno* (pp. 871–97)
- Republic* (pp. 972–1223)
- Timaeus*, 27e–58c (pp. 1234–61)

Pages

278pp.

501pp.

Aristotle

- *The Complete Works of Aristotle*, The Revised Oxford Translation, 2 vols., ed. Jonathan Barnes (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984).
Vol. 1 ISBN: 9780691016504
Vol. 2 ISBN: 9780691016511

483pp.

Categories 1–15 (pp. 3–24)
De Interpretatione 1–9 (pp. 25–30)
Posterior Analytics
I.1–13 (pp. 114–29)
II.1–2 (pp. 147–8)
II.8–10 (pp. 153–4)
II.19 (pp. 165–6)
Topics I.1–5 (pp. 167–70)
Physics
I–II (pp. 314–42)
III.1–3 (pp. 342–5)
IV.4–7 (pp. 358–65)
IV.10–14 (pp. 369–78)
VIII.4–6 (pp. 425–34)
On the Heavens
I.1–2 (pp. 447–9)
III.3–6 (pp. 494–9)
On Generation and Corruption
I.1 (pp. 512–14)
I.3–4 (pp. 518–23)
II.1–5 (pp. 538–45)
De Anima (pp. 641–92)
Parts of Animals I (pp. 994–1005)
Metaphysics
I (pp. 1552–69)
IV.1–3 (pp. 1584–88)
V–VI (pp. 1599–1623)
VII.1–8 (pp. 1623–32)
VII.17 (pp. 1643–4)
VIII (pp. 1645–51)
IX (pp. 1651–61)
XII (pp. 1688–1700)
XIII.10 (pp. 1717–18)
Nicomachean Ethics (pp. 1729–1867)
Politics
I (pp. 1968–2000)
II.1–5 (pp. 2000–6)
III.1–13 (pp. 2023–39)
VII.1–4 (pp. 2100–5)
VII.13–15 (pp. 2113–17)

Epicurianism

- *Hellenistic Philosophy: Introductory Readings*, 2nd ed., trans. Brad Inwood and L. P. Gerson (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1998), pp. 5–40. ISBN: 9780872203785

36pp.

The extant letters

Letter to Herodotus: Diogenes Laertius, 10.34–83 (pp. 5–19)

Letter to Menoecus: Diogenes Laertius, 10.83–116 (pp. 19–28)

Letter to Pythocles: Diogenes Laertius, 10.121–135 (pp. 28–31)

Ancient collections of maxims

The Principal Doctrines: Diogenes Laertius, 10.139–154 (pp. 32–6)

The Vatican Collection of Epicurean Sayings (pp. 36–40)

Lucretius

- *On the Nature of Things*, trans. Martin Ferguson Smith (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2001). ISBN: 9780872205871 108pp.
 - I (pp. 2–33)
 - II verses 183–293 (p. 40–42)
 - III (pp. 67–98)
 - V (pp. 136–76)

Sceptics

- *Hellenistic Philosophy*, pp. 302–25, 362–87. 50pp.
 - Sextus Empiricus, *Outlines of Pyrrhonism and Adversus Mathematicos* (selections)
 - General principles (pp. 302–25)
 - Physics (On God(s), cause, motion, place, and time) (pp. 362–87)

Stoics

- Epictetus, *The Handbook*, trans. Nicholas P. White (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1983). ISBN: 9780915145690 19pp.
- *Hellenistic Philosophy*, pp. 132–61, 234–52. 49pp.
 - Physics (selections from Diogenes Laertius, Cicero, and others) (pp. 132–61)
 - Ethics (selections from Cicero, Galen, Seneca, and Epictetus) (pp. 234–52)

Plotinus

- *Enneads in Plotinus*, trans. A. H. Armstrong, vols. 1–2, 4–5, 7 (Cambridge, Mass: Loeb-Harvard, 1966–1988). (Bilingual Greek/English) 187pp.
 - Vol. 1 ISBN: 9780674994843
 - Vol. 2 ISBN: 9780674994867
 - Vol. 4 ISBN: 9780674994881
 - Vol. 5 ISBN: 9780674994898
 - Vol. 7 ISBN: 9780674995154
 - 1.2 (19) On virtues (vol. 1: 127–47)
 - 1.3 (20) On dialectic (vol. 1: 153–65)
 - 1.6 (1) On beauty (vol. 1: 233–63)
 - 2.4 (12) On matter (vol. 2: 107–49)
 - 4.3 (27) On difficulties about the soul (vol. 4: 32–135)
 - 4.8 (6) On the descent of the soul into bodies (vol. 4: 397–424)
 - 5.1 (10) On the three primary hypostases (vol. 5: 11–53)
 - 5.2 (11) On the origin and order of the beings that come after the First (vol. 5: 59–65)
 - 5.9 (5) On the intellect, the forms, and being (vol. 5: 287–319)
 - 6.9 (9) On the Good or the One (vol. 7: 303–45)

Augustine

- *On Free Choice of the Will*, trans. Thomas Williams (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1993). ISBN: 9780872201880 45pp.
 - II (pp. 29–69)
 - III.1 (pp. 70–3)
- *The confessions of St. Augustine*, trans. John K. Ryan (New York: Doubleday, 1960). ISBN: 9780385029551 78pp.
 - X–XI (pp. 193–270)

Avicenna

- *The Metaphysics of The Healing*, trans. Michael E. Marmura (Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University Press, 2005). (Bilingual Arabic/English) ISBN 9780934893770 (digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request) 30pp.
 - I.5: primary notions (pp. 22–9)
 - I.6–7: the Necessary Existent and its oneness (pp. 29–38)
 - VI.1–2: On causes (pp. 194–205)

Anselm of Canterbury

- *Philosophy in the Middle Ages: The Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Traditions*, 3rd ed., ed. Arthur Hyman, James J. Walsh, and Thomas Williams, pp. 161–73 (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2010). (25 columns × 0.75 ≈ 19 normal pages). ISBN: 9781603842082 19pp.
 - 15. Proslogion (pp. 161–73)

Al-Ghazālī

- *The Incoherence of the Philosophers*, trans. Michael E. Marmura (Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University Press, 1997). (Bilingual Arabic/English). ISBN 9780842523516 (digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request) 13pp.
 - 17th discussion (on causality and miracles) (pp. 170–81)
 - Conclusion (p. 230)

Averroes

- *Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, pp. 289–316. (56 columns × 0.75 ≈ 42 normal pages) 42pp.
 - 25. *The Decisive Treatise Determining the Nature of the Connection between Religion and Philosophy* (pp. 289–304)
 - 26. *The Long Commentary on the De Anima III*, Comment 4 (pp. 304–6)
 - 27. *The Long Commentary on the De Anima III*, Comment 5 (pp. 306–16)

Maimonides

- *Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, pp. 364–9. (11 columns × 0.75 ≈ 8 normal pages) 8pp.
 - 31. *The Guide of the Perplexed* I.51–52, I.57–58 (pp. 364–9)

Aquinas

- *Basic Works*, ed. Jeffrey Huse and Robert Pasnau (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2014). ISBN: 9781624661242 211pp.
 - On the Principles of Nature* (pp. 2–13)
 - On Being and Essence* (pp. 14–34)
 - Summa Theologiae* prol., I.1.1 (pp. 36–8)
 - ST I qq. 2–3: divine nature (pp. 49–66)
 - ST I-II qq. 1–5: happiness (pp. 316–76)
 - ST I-II q. 6: voluntariness (pp. 376–88)
 - ST I-II qq. 8–10: intellect and will (pp. 394–413)
 - ST I-II q. 13: choice (pp. 424–30)
 - ST I-II qq. 90–97: law (pp. 619–74)
- *Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, pp. 472–8. (11 columns × 0.75 ≈ 8 normal pages) 8pp.
 - ST I q. 13 aa. 2, 5–6, 11: names of God

- *Treatise on the Virtues*, trans. John A. Oesterle (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1992). ISBN: 9780268018559 96pp.
 - ST I-II qq. 49–53: habits (pp. 1–42)
 - ST I-II qq. 55–56: the essence and the subject of the virtues (pp. 50–66)
 - ST I-II q. 58: the moral and intellectual virtues (pp. 80–8)
 - ST I-II qq. 61–63: the cardinal and theological virtues; the cause of virtue (pp. 108–30)
 - ST I-II q. 65 aa. 1–2: the connection of the virtues (pp. 139–43)
- *The Division and Methods of the Sciences*, 4th ed., trans. Armand Maurer (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, 1986). ISBN: 9780888442796 72pp.
 - Question 5 (pp. 9–57)
 - Question 6, articles 1–2 (pp. 58–80)

Duns Scotus

- *Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, pp. 556–604. (97 columns × 0.75 ≈ 73 normal pages) 73pp.
 - 46. *Ordinatio* I d. 2 p. 1 qq. 1–2: proof of God’s existence (pp. 556–66)
 - 47. *Ordinatio* I d. 3 p. 1 qq. 1–2: univocity of being (pp. 567–70)
 - 48. *Ordinatio* I d. 3 p. 1 qq. 4: illumination and skepticism (pp. 571–80)
 - 49. *Ordinatio* II d. 3 p. 2 q. 2: intuitive and abstractive cognition (p. 581)
 - 50. *Ordinatio* II d. 3 p. 1 qq. 1, 4, 5–6: universals and individuation (pp. 582–91)
 - 51. *Lectura* I d. 39: contingency and the divine will (pp. 592–5)
 - 52. *Ordinatio* II d. 6 q. 2: freedom and angelic sin; critique of eudaimonism (pp. 595–9)
 - 53. *Ordinatio* II d. 40: the goodness of moral acts (pp. 599–600)
 - 54. *Ordinatio* III d. 37: the Decalogue and natural law (pp. 601–4)

Ockham

- *Philosophical Writings: A Selection*, rev. 2nd ed., trans. Philotheus Boehner (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1990). ISBN: 9780872200784 124pp.
 - 1. The notion of knowledge or science (pp. 1–16)
 - 2. Epistemological problems (pp. 17–45)
 - 3. Logical problems (pp. 46–62)
 - 4. The theory of ‘supposito’ (pp. 63–74)
 - 5. Truth (pp. 75–8)
 - 6. Inferential operations (only pp. 85–8)
 - 7. Being, essence and existence (pp. 89–95)
 - 8. The possibility of a natural theology (pp. 96–113)
 - 9. The proof of God’s existence (only pp. 122–6)
 - 11. Physics and ethics (pp. 136–147).
- *A Short Discourse on Tyrannical Government*, ed. Arthur Stephen McGrade, trans. John Kilcullen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992). ISBN: 9780521358033 80pp.
 - II (pp. 17–70)
 - IV (pp. 105–30)

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	Pages
Descartes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy</i>, 4th ed., trans. Donald A. Cress (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1998). ISBN: 9780872204201	104pp.
Hobbes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Leviathan</i>, rev. ed., ed. Richard Tuck (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996). ISBN: 9780521567978 <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I-II (pp. 13–254) III.32 (pp. 255–9) III.43 (pp. 402–15)</p>	259pp.
Spinoza	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Essential Spinoza: Ethics and Related Writings</i>, ed. Michael L. Morgan with translations of Samuel Shirley (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2006). ISBN: 9780872208032 <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Parts I–II (2006 edition pp. 3–60)</p>	58pp.
Leibniz	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Philosophical Essays Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz</i>, trans. Roger Ariew and Daniel Garber (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1989). ISBN: 9780872200623 <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Part I. Basic Works: 8. Discourse on Metaphysics (1686) (pp. 35–68) 17. New System of Nature (1695) (pp. 138–45) 28. Principles of Nature and Grace, Based on Reason (1714) (pp. 206–13) 29. Monadology (1714) (pp. 213–25)</p>	59pp.
Locke	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Second Treatise of Government</i>, ed. C.B. Macpherson (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1980). ISBN: 9780915144860	120pp.
Hume	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>, 2nd. ed., ed. Eric Steinberg (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1993). ISBN 9780872202290• <i>An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals</i>, ed. J. B. Schneewind (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1983). ISBN: 9780915145454	114pp. 94pp.

Rousseau

- *Second Discourse in Rousseau: The Discourses and Other Early Political Writings*, trans. and ed. Victor Gourevitch (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998), pp. 114–222. ISBN: 9780521424455 109pp.

Kant

- *Critique of Pure Reason*, trans. Paul Guyer and Allen W. Wood (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998). ISBN: 9780521657297 419pp.
 - Only Kant's Second Edition (*KrV B*):
 - Preface (pp. 106–24)
 - Introduction (pp. 136–52)
 - The Transcendental Doctrine of Elements (pp. 172–226, 245–337, 354–415, 445–623)
- *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, 2nd ed., trans. Mary Gregor and Jens Timmermann (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012). ISBN: 9781107401068 67pp.

Hegel

- *The Phenomenology of Spirit*, trans. and ed. by Terry Pinkard (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018). ISBN: 9781108730082 144pp.
 - Preface and Introduction (pp. 3-59)
 - Chs. I-IV (pp. 60-135)
 - Ch. VIII (pp. 454-467)

Marx

- "Manifesto of the Communist Party," pp. 14–34 of: 21pp.
www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Manifesto.pdf
(also, digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request)

Mill

- *Utilitarianism*, 2nd ed., ed. George Sher (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2001). ISBN: 9780872206052 64pp.

Nietzsche

- *Genealogy of Morals: a Polemic*, trans. Maudemarie Clark and Alan J. Swensen (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1998). ISBN: 9780872202832 118pp.

Frege

- "Sense and Reference," *The Philosophical Review* 57 (1948): 209–30. 22pp.
(digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request)
- "On Concept and Object," trans. P. T. Geach and Max Black, *Mind* 60/238 (1951): 168–80. 13pp.
(digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request)
- "The Thought: A Logical Inquiry," trans. A. M. and Marcelle Quinton, *Mind* 65/259 (1956): 289–311. (digital copies provided by Dean's office upon request) 23pp.

Russell

- “On Denoting,” *Mind* (New Series) 14/56 (1905): 479–93. 15pp.
(digital copies provided by Dean’s office upon request)

Husserl

- *Logical Investigations*, trans. J.N. Findlay (New York: Routledge, 2001). Vol. 2. 140pp.
ISBN: 9780415241908
Sixth Logical Investigation, Sections I and II (chs. 1–8) (vol. 2, pp. 181–319)
- *Cartesian Meditations*, trans. Dorion Cairns (Boston: Nijhoff, 1960). 157pp.
ISBN: 9789024700684
(digital copies provided by Dean’s office upon request)

Heidegger

- *Being and Time*, rev. ed., trans. John Macquarrie and Edward Robinson (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1962). ISBN: 9780061575594 252pp.
Introduction and Division I (pp. 19–273)

NOTE: Students who employ the Macquarrie-Robinson translation are encouraged, but not required, to consult corrections to this translation provided by Richard Rojcewicz in his article “Corrigenda to the Macquarrie-Robinson Translation of Heidegger’s *Being and Time*,” *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology* 45 (2014) 209–244. A digital copy of this article is provided by the Dean’s office upon request. Students are permitted to bring a printed copy of this article into the exam but are not required to do so.

Wittgenstein

- *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, trans. C.K. Ogden (New York: Dover Publications, 1999). 23pp.
ISBN: 9780486404455
1–4.024 (pp. 29–47)
6.362–7 (pp. 103–8)
- *Philosophical Investigations, 4th ed.*, trans. G.E.M. Anscombe, P.M.S. Hacker, and Joachim Schulte (Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009). ISBN: 9781405159289 121pp.
Part I, Preface (pp. 3–4)
Part I, nn. 1–199 (pp. 5–87)
Part I, nn. 289–315 (pp. 106–11)
Part I, nn. 350–420 (pp. 118–33)
Part II, iii–iv, nn. 17–26 (pp. 186–7)
Part II, x–xi, nn. 86–161 (pp. 199–210)

Quine

- “Two Dogmas of Empiricism,” *The Philosophical Review* 60 (1951): 20–43. 24pp.
(digital copies provided by Dean’s office upon request)

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