**Department:** Philosophy

**Course number:** PHIL 221W

**Title:** Ancient Philosophy

**Credits:** 3

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**Catalog Copy:** 221W Ancient Philosophy (Also Offered as CAMS 257W)

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: At least one of PHIL 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106. Open to sophomores or higher.

Greek philosophy from its origin in the Pre-Socratics through its influence on early Christianity. Readings from the works of Plato and Aristotle.

**W Criteria:** 221 W assigns two papers, one of 8-10 pages, on a topic in Plato, and one of 7-9 pages on an assigned topic in Aristotle. The papers consist in large part of carefully explaining arguments. One cannot understand a philosophical view without being able to explain its reasons carefully, so the papers are integral to the class. The papers count for 50% of the final grade. Some class time is devoted to explaining how to write a philosophy essay. The students turn in drafts of their papers which are returned to students, with written comments, for revision and clarification. Additional oral comments are usually provided as well.

**Role of Grad Students:** This course is taught entirely by faculty. No graduate students are involved in teaching or grading.