PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Program in Classical Philosophy
PRE-GENERA LS READING LIST

Greek Authors

A. Required for all candidates

1. Aristotle
   Physics II
   Nicomachean Ethics I, II 1-6
   Metaphysics A

2. Plato
   Apology
   Phaedo
   Republic I, II, IV, V 471c-VII, X to 607a

B. Options:
Candidates should prepare 7 to 10 of the 19 options, selected in consultation with their advisers; substitutions for the texts listed are permitted with the adviser’s consent.

1. Aeschylus
   Agamemnon
   Prometheus Bound or Eumenides

2. Aristophanes
   Clouds

3. Aristotle
   Categories 1-5
   de Anima II 1-7, 12
   Nic. Ethics III 1-5, VII 1-3, X 6-8
   Metaphysics A

4. Epicurus
   Letter to Herodotus
   Letter to Menoeceus
   Principal Doctrines

5. Euclid
   Elements I

6. Euripides
   Bacchae or Medea or Helen

7. Herodotus
   Histories I

8. Hippocrates
   On Ancient Medicine
   On the Sacred Disease

9. Homer
   Iliad, six books

10. Isocrates
    Against the Sophists
    Antidosis

11. Pindar
    Olympians I, II
    Pythian III

12. Plato
    Protagoras
    Parmenides (to 137b)
    Theaetetus (to 187a)

13. Plotinus
    Enneads I 4 (On Eudaimonia)
    Enneads IV 8 (On the Descent of the Soul into Bodies)
    Enneads V 1 (On the Three Primary Hypostases)
14. Presocratics ("B" fragments only, in Diels-Kranz):
   Anaximander, Xenophanes,
   Heraclitus, Parmenides, Zeno,
   Empedocles (On Nature),
   Anaxagoras,
   Leucippus, Democritus

15. Pyrrhonian Skepticism and Stoicism
   Sextus Empiricus
   Pyrrhonian Sketches I
   Diogenes Laertius
   Lives VII, 39-160

16. The Sophistic Movement
   "B" fragments in Diels-Kranz of:

Latin Authors

A. Required for all candidates

1. Cicero
   De Finibus I-III, V

2. Lucretius
   De Rerum Natura I-III

B. Options: candidates should prepare 2 to 4 of the 8 options, selected in consultation with their advisers; substitutions for the texts listed are permitted with the adviser's consent.

1. Augustine
   Contra Academicos
   Confessions XI
   De Libero Arbitrio II

2. Boethius
   Theological Tractates
   De Consolatione Philosophiae

3. Cicero
   Disputationes Tusculanae I, IV, V
   De Natura Deorum II

4. Horace
   Odes

5. Lucretius
   De Rerum Natura IV-VI

6. Ovid
   Metamorphoses

7. Seneca
   De Ira
   De Beneficiis I-II
   De Tranquillitate Animi

8. Vergil
   Aeneid, six books

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