

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Program in Classical Philosophy

PRE-GENERALS READING LIST

Greek Authors

A. Required for all candidates

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| 1. Aristotle | 2. Plato |
| <i>Physics</i> II | <i>Apology</i> |
| <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> I, II 1-6 | <i>Phaedo</i> |
| <i>Metaphysics</i> A | <i>Republic</i> 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.

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| 1. Aeschylus | 8. Hippocrates |
| <i>Agamemnon</i> | <i>On Ancient Medicine</i> |
| <i>Prometheus Bound</i> or <i>Eumenides</i> | <i>On the Sacred Disease</i> |
| 2. Aristophanes | 9. Homer |
| <i>Clouds</i> | <i>Iliad</i> , six books |
| 3. Aristotle | 10. Isocrates |
| <i>Categories</i> 1-5 | <i>Against the Sophists</i> |
| <i>de Anima</i> II 1-7, 12 | <i>Antidosis</i> |
| <i>Nic. Ethics</i> III 1-5, VII 1-3, X 6-8 | 11. Pindar |
| <i>Metaphysics</i> A | <i>Olympians</i> I, II |
| 4. Epicurus | <i>Pythian</i> III |
| <i>Letter to Herodotus</i> | 12. Plato |
| <i>Letter to Menoeceus</i> | <i>Protagoras</i> |
| <i>Principal Doctrines</i> | <i>Parmenides</i> (to 137b) |
| 5. Euclid | <i>Theaetetus</i> (to 187a) |
| <i>Elements</i> I | 13. Plotinus |
| 6. Euripides | <i>Enneads</i> I 4 (On Eudaimonia) |
| <i>Bacchae</i> or <i>Medea</i> or <i>Helen</i> | <i>Enneads</i> IV 8 (On the Descent of the Soul into Bodies) |
| 7. Herodotus | <i>Enneads</i> V 1 (On the Three Primary Hypostases) |
| <i>Histories</i> I | |

14. Presocratics ("B" fragments only, in Diels-Kranz):
Anaximander, Xenophanes,
Heraclitus, Parmenides, Zeno,
Empedocles (*On Nature*),
Anaxagoras,
Leucippus, Democritus

Gorgias
Antiphon, *Tetralogies*
Dissoi Logoi

17. Sophocles
Oedipus Tyrannus
Antigone

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

18. Thucydides
History II

19. Xenophon
Memorabilia I, IV
Apology

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

5. Lucretius
De Rerum Natura IV-VI

2. Boethius
Theological Tractates
De Consolatione Philosophiae

6. Ovid
Metamorphoses

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

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

4. Horace
Odes

8. Vergil
Aeneid, six books

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