PHIL 511-01: Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*  
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Thursdays 3:20-6:00pm  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a close reading of Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*. The entirety of the work will be read along with secondary-source material. Topics to be considered include: the nature of happiness (*eudaimonia*), intellectual virtue (e.g., practical wisdom, understanding), virtues of character (e.g., justice, courage), responsibility, moral luck, friendship, the philosophical life, pleasure. More broadly, we will consider whether ethics can be a practical science and whether virtue is an appropriate standard for measuring the goodness of human life and moral action.

READINGS


All other readings (from secondary sources) will be accessed through Blackboard.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Presentation Paper (maximum 2000 words)
- Designated questioner of other students’ presentation papers
- Term paper

*This course fulfills the graduate distribution requirement in ancient philosophy.*