





PHILOSOPHY 70A-80: ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY Prof. Janet Giddings (janet.giddings@sjsu.edu) Online Asynchronous (Weekly Module work with participation in discussions) Fall 2025

Exploration of primary texts from the global history of philosophy prior to 500 CE, including key works of Plato and Aristotle. Other texts for the course may be drawn from a wide variety of global philosophical traditions, including (but not limited to) texts from Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian, Abrahamic, Greek, Roman, Mesopotamian, and African sources.

We will explore both women and men philosophers from ancient times in various cultures and traditions. This is a fun and exciting course that will allow us to think about and consider various ancient ideas and how they may infuse and inspire us today. What ideas will be our favorites?

Satisfies GE area 3B (Humanities)