



INSTITUTIONEN FÖR FILOSOFI, LINGVISTIK OCH VETENSKAPSTEORI

FT30020, Natur och normer i antik filosofi, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Norms and nature in ancient philosophy, 7.5 credits

Forskarnivå / Third-cycle level

Litteraturlista för FT30020

Litteraturlistan är fastställd av Institutionen för filosofi, lingvistik och vetenskapsteori 2024-09-04, att gälla från och med höstterminen 2024.

Se litteraturlistan på nästa sida.

Readings:

(The readings below may be changed in various ways depending on what the teacher wants to focus on.)

Primary sources:

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*. Focus especially on Books 1-3, 6-7, and 10.

There are several good translations available in English, but I would suggest using either Roger Crisp's (published by Cambridge University Press) or Terence Irwin's (Hackett).

- Diogenes Laertius, *The Lives of the Eminent Philosophers*:

(i) Book 10.117-154 on Epicurus' ethics (paragraphs 121-135 consists of Epicurus' famous letter on ethics to Menoeceus).

(ii) Book 7.84-131 on Stoic ethics.

There are at least a couple of different English translations available, but I would suggest using the one by Pamela Mensch (Oxford University Press).

- Cicero, *De Finibus* (On Final / Moral Ends):

(i) Book 1 contains a (not very charitable, perhaps) presentation of Epicurus' ethics, and book 2 a critique of it.

(ii) Book 3 on Stoic ethics.

Here I suggest using Raphael Woolf's translation, which includes an excellent introduction by Julia Annas (Cambridge University Press).

Further readings (below I have listed a few examples of texts that may guide your reading and thinking about the primary texts):

- Annas, J. 1993: *The Morality of Happiness* (Oxford University Press). Especially chapters 1-4, 7, 16, 18-20. (A masterful and very influential treatment of ancient moral philosophy after Socrates and Plato.)

- Gill, C. 2022: *Learning to Live Naturally: Stoic Ethics and Its Modern Significance* (Oxford University Press). Especially Part I (chapters 1-3). (A very detailed and interesting scholarly account of the basic ideas in Stoic ethics.)

- Irwin, T. 2007: *The Development of Ethics. Volume One: From Socrates to the Reformation* (Oxford University Press). Chapters 2 (Socrates), 5 (Plato), 6-9 (Aristotle), 11 (Epicurus), 12-13 (the Stoics).

- O'Keefe, T. 2010: *Epicureanism* (Acumen). (An excellent overview of epicurean philosophy.)

- Sellars, J. 2020: *Lessons in Stoicism* (Penguin). (A very short and extremely accessible introduction to the basic ideas in Stoic thinking.)

- Striker, G. 1996: "Antipater, or the art of living." In *Essays on Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics* (Cambridge University Press). (Interesting discussion of the Stoic notion of the art (or craft or expertise) of living.)

- Striker, G. 1996: "Epicurean Hedonism." In *Essays on Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics* (Cambridge University Press).