PHIL 5001
Introduction to Plato
Collins Hall, Conference Room

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Text:
The Complete Dialogues, published by Hackett Press

Course Requirements:
- Reading Assignments.
- A short paper of 5 pages and a long paper of 10+ pages.
- Regular attendance.

Course Plan and Assigned Readings:

Week 1
Introductory lecture on Plato, Socrates, and the problems inherited from the pre-Socratics

Week 2
Euthyphro and the Apology: the Elenchus and its malcontents

Week 3:
Protagoras: Hedonism and intellectualism

Week 4:
Meno: True Beliefs, Recollection and the Hypothetical Method

Week 5:
Phaedo: Immortality and the Forms

Week 6:
Phaedo: Immortality (cont.) and the Hypothetical Method

Week 7:
Gorgias: Examination of justice

Week 8:
Gorgias: Justice, nature and convention

Week 9:
Phaedrus: Rhetoric and the tri-partite soul
Week 10:
*Republic* 1-2: Set up of the problem about justice

Week 11:
*Republic* 3-4: Civic and individual virtues

Week 12:
*Republic* 5-7: Philosophy and ruling

Week 13:
*Republic* 5-7: Philosophic knowledge and the Forms

Week 14:
*Republic* 8-10: Systems of government and happiness

Week 15:
*Republic* 8-10: (continued); the Myth of Er