

Course details

Course title

Philosophy: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle

Course code

Q00018330

Course date

Start: 13/01/25

End: 10/02/25

Number of classes

5 sessions

Timetable

Mon 13th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 20th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 27th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 3rd Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 10th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Berkhamsted Branch

Tutor

Karim Esmail

Fee:

£42.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Friends Meeting House (Berkhamsted)
289 High Street
Berkhamsted
HP4 1AJ

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

Western philosophy begins with the ancient Greeks in the 6th century BCE. This course considers some of the key elements in the thought of the three greatest philosophers of the ancient Greek period: Socrates; Plato; and Aristotle. It considers Socrates on questions of ethics. It then considers Plato on the soul and its immortality in the *Phaedo* and, in particular, on the perfectly just city-state in the *Republic*. Finally, it considers Aristotle on among other things language and logic in the *Organon* and on change and cause in the *Physics* and on “happiness” in the *Nicomachean Ethics*. No prior specialist knowledge is required to attend this course.

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Sessions consist of clearly structured talks and an encouragement to ask questions and to make comments.

Participants are assisted in their understanding of the subject and in their critical engagement with it.

There is in each session an opportunity to engage with other participants.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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