Course Description: This course will offer an opportunity to read the entirety of Aristotle's main work of psychology and cognitive science, Peri psuchês (conventionally translated De anima or "On the Soul"), and to consider its place in Aristotle's philosophy, including its theoretical and practical aspects. Readings from the smaller works on cognitive science and physiology (called the Parva naturalia) will be recommended. Each seminar will focus discussion on a part of the De anima and its relationship to the recommended readings and topics of interest to the students. Students will have an opportunity to research and discuss Aristotle's psychology as it relates to their own research interests.

Texts: See bibliography attached below; note recommended items in bold. Recommended for purchase:


Evaluation will be based upon the following:

(1) Attendance and Participation: All participants are expected to be present at all meetings of the seminar with copies of the texts or translations to be discussed, prepared with questions or comments on the texts. Registered students will be required to write and post a 1000-word commentary on one of the assigned readings, due at the beginning of the next meeting, for any absence.

(2) Presentation and Handout: Students will be randomly assigned slots during weeks 7-10 in which to give presentations and lead discussions. Each student will lead a discussion of the relationship between Aristotle's psychology and some other part of his philosophy, such as his logic, physics, or ethics, based on the student's own interests. For this purpose, the student will choose, in consultation with the Professor, primary texts (texts attributed to Aristotle) to be distributed to the seminar one week in advance of the assigned presentation. The student will then prepare a handout and give a brief outline and overview of these texts, and will lead a discussion of the texts and their relationship to De anima.

For example, a student interested in Aristotle's ethics, or politics, or aesthetics could choose a book from *Nicomachean Ethics*, *Politics*, or the *Poetics*. More specifically, a student were interested in Aristotle's theory of weakness of will, or theory of emotions, could choose *Nicomachean Ethics* VII, or *Rhetoric* II.

(3) Research paper: A 4000-8000-word research essay which engages at least two primary sources (texts attributed to Aristotle) and two secondary sources (determined in consultation with the Professor) will be due by 5pm on Wednesday of week 11. A provisional indication of topic and proposed bibliography will be due week 5. The paper may adjudicate between disputed readings of a specific passage in Aristotle, or between interpretations of Aristotle's theories, or compare Aristotle's views with other historical or contemporary views of interest to the student.
Schedule:

1. (January 10) Aristotle's psychological writings. The place of psychology in Aristotle's philosophy. Methodological and terminological considerations about the study of living things.

   Handouts: Overview of the Corpus Aristotelicum, Ancient lists of Aristotle's works; Aristotle's Protrepticus: a provisional reconstruction.
   Recommended: Historia animalium I; De partibus animalium I.1-5; De generatione animalium.

2. (January 17) Aristotle on his predecessors in philosophy and psychology.

   De anima I.1-5.
   Recommended: De partibus animalium I.1-5; Metaphysica I.


   De anima II.1-4.
   Recommended: Physica II.

4. (January 31) Sensitive psyche and the specific modes of sensation. Sensation in general, common sense, memory, and recollection.

   De anima II.5-III.2.
   Recommended: De sensu and De memoria. Meteorologica III.2-5.

5. (February 7) Imaginative, intelligent, and intellectual psyche. Sleep and dreams.

   De anima III.3-8.
   Recommended: De somno, De insomniis, De divinatione per somnum. Metaphysica XII.

   Due: Provisional topic description and bibliography for research essay.

6. (February 14) Desiderative and locomotive psyche.

   Recommended: De motu animalium; Rhetoric II.

7. (February 21) Presentations 1 and 2. Each presentation consists of a 15-30 minute presentation followed by 40-50 minutes of discussion.

8. (February 28) Presentations 3 and 4.

9. (March 7) Presentations 5 and 6.

10. (March 14) Presentations 7 and 8.

11. (March 21) Research papers due in hard copy by 5pm Wednesday, March 21.
This bibliography is for the benefit of students working primarily in English translation (with or without comprehension of Greek).

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1. Texts, translations, and Commentaries


_Aristotelis Opera (Aristotelis Opera ex recensione Immanuelis Bekkeri edidit Academia Regia Borussica accedunt fragmenta scholia index aristotelicus)._ Ed. I. Bekker. 5 vols. Berlin.

This work is the basis of modern scholarship on Aristotle and establishes the standard pagination.

1.1.1-2. Volumes I-II. Immanuel Bekker’s text of the Aristotle Corpus (1831). All subsequent editions and translations and commentaries on Aristotle use the system of page references instituted by Bekker: these numbers are called “Bekker numbers”. Notice that this does not include the _Constitution of the Athenians_ (because the papyrus of which was discovered after Bekker’s edition) or any fragments (for which see 1.1.3, below).

1.1.3. Volume III. A collection of fragments from lost works collected and edited by V. Rose (1886). This has now been superseded by the expanded edition of O. Gigon (1987).

1.1.4. Volume IV. A collection of “scholia” or scholarly notes found in commentaries, collected and edited by I. Bekker (1836). This work is supplemented by the _Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca_ (23 vols, 1883-1903), parts of which are being translated in _The Ancient Commentators on Aristotle_ (ed. R. Sorabji, London). (See section 6, below.)

1.1.5. Volume V. A comprehensive index of volumes I-II by Herman Bonitz (1870). (See section 2, below).
1.2. The Oxford Classical Texts.

These texts include more complete *apparati critici*.

1.2.5. *De Caelo* (D. J. Allen). 1936

1.3. The Oxford Translation.


A complete English translation of the Aristotle Corpus was undertaken at Oxford in the early 20th Century and completed mid-century. Each volume contains an outline of the work(s), running notes, diagrams and indices.

1.3.3. Volume III. *Meteorologica* (E. W. Webster); *De Mundo* (E. S. Forster); *De Anima* (J. A. Smith); *Parva Naturalia* (J.I. Beare and G. R. T. Ross); *De Spiritu* (J. F. Dobson). 1931.
1.3.5. Volume V. *De Partibus Animalium* (W. Ogle); *De Motu and De Incessu Animalium* (A. S. L. Farquharson), *De Generatione Animalium* (A. Platt). 1912.
1.3.7. Volume VII. *Problemata* (E. S. Forster). 1927.
1.3.9. Volume IX. *Ethica Nicomachea* (E. D. Ross); *Magna Moralia* (St. G. Stock); *Ethica Eudemia and De virtutibus et vitiiis* (J. Solomon). 1925.
1.3.10. Volume X. *Politica* (B. Jowett); *Oeconomica* (E. S. Forster); *Atheniensium Respublica* (F. G. Kenyon).
1.3.11. Volume XI. *Rhetorica* (W. R. Roberts); *De Rhetorica ad Alexandrum* (E. S. Forster); *De Poetica* (I. Bywater).
1.3.13. The Revised Oxford Translation.


The above edition (1.2) was revised and condensed into 2 volumes, with an index. The work conveniently divides at exactly the point the first two volumes of Bekker (1.1.1-2). Note: The Revised Oxford Translation does not contain several features of the Oxford Translation, including the outlines, notes, and diagrams. Below I mention the translator only where this differs from 1.2.

1.3.13.1. Volume I. Contains the same translations of 1.1.1 as in 1.2.1-6, except: *Categoriae and De interpretatione* (J. L. Ackrill); *Posterior Analytics* (J. Barnes).

1.3.13.2. Volume II. Contains the same translations of 1.1.2 as in 1.2.6-12, except: *Nicomachean Ethics* (W. D. Ross, revised by J. O. Urmson), *Economics III* added (G. C. Armstrong). The fragment selection has been revised and retranslated (J. Barnes and G. Lawrence). Includes a catalogue of Aristotle’s writings and Aristotle’s will, as well as comprehensive index.

1.4. The Loeb Classical Library.


The Loeb Classical Library provides serviceable English translations facing Greek text, in 23 volumes. Some of these contain very useful introductions, notes, and appendices.


1.5. The Clarendon Aristotle Series.

These are very careful translations, together with helpful commentary, are available for some of the most important books through the Clarendon Aristotle Series (Oxford).


1.5.8. *De Generatione et Corruptione*. (tr. C. J. F. Williams, 1982).


1.5.10. *De Anima I-III*. (tr. C. Shields, 2016)


1.6. Other Recommended Texts, Translations, and Commentaries

Complete texts, translation, commentary, and indexes, are available for the following.


1.7. Other Recommended Translations


2. Indices

2.1. *Index Aristotelicus*. Bonitz, H. Berlin, 1870. (= 1.1.5.)
2.3. ‘Index’ in 1.3.2, pp. 2467-2487.

3. Bibliography


4. Introductory Surveys

Among the many surveys of Aristotle, some of the best are the following.


5. Collections of Essays

5.1. General Anthologies


5.2. Special Anthologies

Aristotle’s works including exoterica and dubia


Scientific Method


Natural Science


Psychology and Cognitive Science


Biology


Natural Science and Practical Science


Ethics


Politics


Productive Science


Dubious Works

6. Electronic Resources

6.1. *Thesaurus Lingua Gracae* (stephanus.tlg.uci.edu). Contains searchable Greek texts for the entire Aristotle Corpus, as well as some fragment collections. (Access via University library servers.)

6.2. *The Internet Classics Archive* (http://classics.mit.edu/). Has several electronic versions of the Oxford Translations (see 1.2. above), but without pagination. Useful for searching and for consulting texts not ready to hand, but not usable for citation purposes.

6.3. *The Perseus Digital Library* (http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/). Has several electronic versions of Loeb Classical Library texts and translations (see 1.4. above). Useful for studying Greek text, because, using their Greek word tools, one may click on a word from a text and access the lexicon entry for that word.
6.4. *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html). Has several articles by reputable scholars on several topics of Aristotle’s philosophy, including:

6.4.1. biology (James Lennox)
6.4.2. categories (Paul Studtmann)
6.4.3. ethics (Richard Kraut)
6.4.4. logic (Robin Smith)
6.4.5. metaphysics (S. Marc Cohen)
6.4.6. political theory (Fred Miller)
6.4.7. psychology (Christopher Shields)
6.4.8. rhetoric (Christof Rapp)
6.4.9. causality (Andrea Falcon)
6.4.10. mathematics (Henry Mendell)
6.4.11. natural philosophy (Istvan Bodnar)
6.4.12. on non-contradiction (Paula Gottlieb)