

## Course Outline

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Philosophy, History and Politics  
Faculty of Arts

**PHIL 490 - 3 Credits**  
**Philosophy in the Aegean (field school)**  
**Summer, 2011**

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### **Calendar Description**

An introduction to the ideas of the ancient Greek philosophers that inhabited Asia Minor through intensive classroom study and a two week field trip to Aegean Turkey. The course spans the history of Greek philosophy from its earliest beginnings to the age of commentary. These include, but are not limited to, the Milesian philosophers in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE, Heraclitus in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Aristotle in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Galen and Alexander in the Second Century CE.

### **Course Description**

This course has two parts. The first is an intensive in class seminar on Greek philosophy at TRU with a focus on the philosophers from the cities to be visited in Aegean Turkey. The in-class sessions will provide the background necessary for students to appreciate and participate in the on-site discussions to take place in the second part. The second part consists of a two week field trip to ancient sites in Aegean Turkey. In addition to the philosophical discussions, students will be exposed to geographical, architectural, historical and cultural aspects of ancient Greece and modern Turkey.

### **Educational Objectives/Outcomes**

An understanding of key philosophies in the ancient Greek philosophical tradition  
An understanding of Ancient Greek culture  
An understanding of Ancient Greek architecture  
An understanding of Ancient Greek history

## **Texts/Materials**

Philosophy in the Aegean 2011 Course Pack

## **Evaluation**

- 1 paper due May 15 30%
- 1 on-site presentation 30%
- 1 paper at the end of the field trip 40%

## **Course Topics**

Milesian Philosophy  
The Seven Sages  
Apollo and Greek Philosophy  
Heraclitus  
Homer and the Aegean  
Herodotus  
Galen and Ancient Medicine  
Aristotle and Nature  
Dionysus and Apollo  
Anaxagoras

## **Special Course Activities**

The field trip encompasses a wide range of activities from on site discussions to cultural activities and explorations.

## **Scheduling:**

April 1-13: 5 x 2 hour in class sessions  
May 15 - 27: Overseas Component