

PHILOSOPHY'S GREATEST HITS (168)

Mondays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., (4 Classes 10/9 thru 10/30) in Room 30

Tuition \$40

Walk-in \$12 Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

In philosophy, just as with music, nothing beats the golden oldies. In our four sessions we'll cover:

1. The ancient world of the Iliad, circa 800 BC, and the miraculous rise of modern democracy, capitalism, and science in Greece around 600 BC.
2. Warfare, human suffering, and the cures suggested by Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism (circa 580 BC).
3. Socrates versus the Sophists on social responsibility (circa 400 BC, and introduce Plato and Aristotle if there's time).
4. Plato versus Aristotle on our understanding of nature, reality, and ethics (circa 350 BC).

The class runs in chronological order and provides contrasting perspectives on core topics of lasting importance. There are no prerequisites, and the class will be thought-provoking and enjoyable whether you've never studied philosophy or have previously had several courses.

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