

730:402 Aristotle

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Aristotle on Perception and the Intellectual Virtues

Syllabus

I. Introduction: Varieties of Virtue and of Knowledge in Aristotle

Metaphysics VI.1; *Nicomachean Ethics* I.7, VI.1, 2-4, X.7-8

II. Perception in Aristotle: The Legacy of his Predecessors

Generation of Animals I.23, *De Anima* III.3-4, *Metaphysics* IV.5,
Plato, *Theaetetus* 184-187; Selections from Democritus,
Theophrastus, Alexander (to be distributed)

III. *Episteme* and Perception in the *Analytics*

M. Frede, "Aristotle's Rationalism"

T. Irwin, *Aristotle's First Principles* (Selections)

M. Burnyeat, "Aristotle on Understanding Knowledge"

_____, "*Episteme*"

J. Lesher, "On Aristotelian *Episteme* as Understanding"

R. Bolton, "*Episteme*: Aristotle's Project in the *Analytics*"

IV. Perception, *Episteme* and *Techne* in *Posterior Analytics* II.19

D. Bronstein, "The Origin and Aim of *Posterior Analytics* II.19"

R. Bolton, "Epistemology and Psychology in Aristotle's *APo* II.19"

V. Perception, Linguistic Knowledge and the Acquisition of *Episteme*

D. Demoss and D. Devereux, "Essence, Existence and Nominal Definition in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* II. 8-10"

D. Charles, *Aristotle on Meaning and Essence* (selections)

D. Bronstein, *Aristotle on Knowledge and Learning: The Posterior Analytics* (selections)

R. Bolton, "The Search for Principles in Aristotle's *APo* II and *GA* I"

VI. Perception, *Techne* and *Empeiria* in Aristotle

P-S. Hasper and J. Yurdin, "Between Perception and Scientific Knowledge: Aristotle's Account of Experience"

H. Lorenz and B. Morison, "Aristotle's Empiricist Theory of Doxastic Knowledge"

R. Bolton, "*Techne* and *Empeiria*: Aristotle's Contribution to the Tradition"

VII. Perception and *Phronesis*: Aristotle on Moral Wisdom

G. Lawrence, "Aiming Well in Aristotle's Ethics"

J. Moss, *Aristotle on the Apparent Good* (selections)

R. Bolton, "*Phronesis*: Aristotle's Account of Moral Wisdom"

VIII. Perception, *Nous* and Rational Insight in Aristotle

M. Frede, H. Lorenz and B. Morison, J. Moss (as above)

R. Bolton, "Aristotle on Intuition"

Texts to be selected for III-VIII.