I. Weeks I-2: Aiming at the Good

1/5: The difficulty with thinking that some things are better than others.

Texts:
NE I.1, 2, 4 (1095a14-16).

1/12: Low, Middle, and Highest Goods. The Form of the Good.

Primary Text Reading Assignment: NE I [esp. I.2, I.6 (1096a34-b35), I.7 (1097a15-b21)]; III.4; EE I.8 (1218b7-27); DMA 6 (700b15-16; 23-28), GC II.10 (336b25-337a7), DA II.4 (415a22-b8), Plato, Republic II (357b4-358a3).

Required Secondary Text Reading Assignment:
Menn, S. “Aristotle and Plato on God as Nous and the Good” Revue of Metaphysics 45 (1992), available on JSTOR.
Lear, G. “The Finality Criterion.” (ch. 2 of her, Happy Lives and the Highest Good) avail. here under ‘course documents.’

Focus Passages: NE I.6 1097a15-b21 and EE I.8 1218b7-27.

Optional Secondary Text Reading Assignment:
Ackrill, J. ‘Aristotle on Eudaimonia’ (in his Essays on Plato and Aristotle)

Weeks 3-6: Human Excellence

1/19 Virtue as a Hexis: disposition, habituation, habit

Primary Text Reading Assignment: Cat. 8b25-9a13, Met. A.16, 19, 20, Phys. VII.3, NE I.4 1095b4-14, II (all, but esp. 1,5,6), III.6-9, X.9, EE II.2-5.

Required Secondary Text Reading Assignment:

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1 except for the class of 2/24, which is rescheduled to the 3pm of 2/27.
Broadie, S. “Virtues and Parts of the Soul” (Ch. 2 of her *Ethics with Aristotle*);
**Focus Chapter:** NE II.1

**Optional Secondary Text Reading Assignment:**
Burnyeat, M. "Aristotle on Learning to be Good"

Sorabji, R. “Aristotle on the Role of Intellect in Virtue”
(both are in *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics*, ed. Rorty)

1/26  **Virtue as concerned with the Mean**

**Primary Text Reading Assignment:** NE II, and NE III.6-9, VI.1,1138b19-35, EE II.2-5.

**Required Secondary Text Reading Assignment:** Mueller, A “Aristotle’s Conception of Ethical and Natural Virtue: How the Unity Thesis sheds light on the Doctrine of the Mean.”
**Focus Chapter:** NE II.6

**Optional Secondary Text Reading Assignment:**
Brown, L. : “What is the ‘mean relative to us’ in Aristotle’s *Ethics?”*; Hursthouse, R. “The central doctrine of the mean”;

2/2  **Virtue for its own sake**

**Primary Text Reading Assignment:** NE I.2 (1094a17-22), 5, 7 (1097a15-b22); II.4; III.1 (1109b30-110b16), 3, 7 (1115b22-25 & 1116a12-15); IV.2,3; VI.2,3; X.6-8, Rhet. I.9

**Required Secondary Text Reading Assignment:**
Ackrill, J., ‘Aristotle on Action’
Whiting, J., “Eudaimonia & Choosing Virtuous Actions for Themselves”
Lear, G. “Aristotle on Moral Virtue and the Fine
**Focus Chapter:** NE X.6


2/9  **The Value of External Goods (Honor & Friendship) & Luck (?)**

**Primary Text Reading Assignment:** NE I.7 (1097a15-b22), I.10-11; IV.3,5; IX. 8, 9; X. 8, Rhet. I.9; Phys. II 4-6,8, EE VIII.2

**Secondary Text Reading Assignment:** Millgram, E. “Aristotle on Making Other Selves”; Cooper, J. “Aristotle on the goods of fortune.” + Lear & Whiting from last week.
Focus Chapter: NE IX.9

Weeks 7-10: Human Motivation

2/16 The Psychology and Physics of Self-Movement
Primary Text Reading Assignment: DA III.9-12, & Phys. III. 3; VIII.2 (252b18-28, 253a8-21),4,5,6 (259b1-16) & DMA 6, 8
Focus Chapter: DA III.10

2/27 (3-6pm) Deliberation and deliberating well (bouleusis and euboulia)
Primary Text Reading Assignment: NE III.1-5; VI.5,7,9 EE II.6-11
Focus Chapter: EE II.10

3/2 The Practical Syllogism I: which kind of cause?
Primary Text Reading Assignment: DMA 7, NE VII.3, NE VI.7,9, DA III.10, 11
Focus Chapter: DMA 7

3/9: The Practical Syllogism II: nonstandard syllogizing more generally (inductive and practical)
Primary Text Reading Assignment: everything from last week + NE I.4 (1094a30-b13), I.7 (1098b3-6), III.3 1112b12-25; NE VI. 6 1142a25-31; An. Pr. II.21, 23 An. Po. I.1, 18, II. 19, Met. Θ9, M10, Rhet. I.2, Top. I.12; NE I. 7, 1098a29-b9; III.3 1112b12-25; VI. 6 1142a25-31
Focus Chapter: An. Po. I.1