

COURSE DETAIL

AKRASIA IN THE PLATONIC TRADITION

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AKRASIA IN THE PLATONIC TRADITION

UCEAP Transcript Title

AKRASIA PLATO TRAD

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This seminar explores Plato's views on akrasia and its reception in the Platonic tradition, especially by Plotinus. The exploration begins with a close reading and discussion of several key passages in Plato's dialogues before moving on to equally careful readings of key passages in the later tradition. Students discuss various versions of akrasia (synchronic, diachronic, knowledge-based, belief-based, etc.) and some views found in the secondary literature. No knowledge of Ancient Greek is required, but at times the Greek text is discussed in a manner accessible to all.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51054

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

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Institut für Philosophie

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