

COURSE DETAIL

FRIENDSHIP FROM SOCRATES TO ARISTOTLE

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy Classics

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FRIENDSHIP FROM SOCRATES TO ARISTOTLE

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCRATES/ARISTOTLE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

If justice meant “helping friends and harming enemies,” then it would be important to know who your friends and enemies are – so it is no surprise that Socrates, confronted with that theory of justice, has a fair amount to say about friendship both in Plato and Xenophon. It is however a surprise to find friendship put at the center of Plato’s sketch of the most just city – a city that will also be “a friend to itself” – as well as the center of a Platonic theory of self-knowledge. For interpreters long thought that Socrates had repudiated this account of justice. This course first considers the treatment of individual friendship intertwined with political friendship for Socrates and Plato, and then turns to Aristotle’s disentangled treatment of them with an eye to the question of whether something goes missing when they are disentangled.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

51015

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Host Institution Campus

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Institut für Philosophie

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