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PHIL 463.01: Aristotle

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This is a course in the philosophy of Aristotle. We will read selections from a number of works written by Aristotle, discussing their contents together with a view to understanding his thought. This discussion will be the main method of the course. There will be written work-- two interpretive papers and two exams. One of the exams (the mid-term) will be set in class on Thursday, March 13th; the final exam will occur at the institutionally scheduled time (Monday, May 12th., at 8:00-10:00 A.M.) Grades will be based upon both written work and on oral contributions to the class.

Projected schedule of readings (as revised):

Week 1  
Porphyry, *Isagoge (Intro. to Aristotle's categories)*

Week 2  
Porphyry (cont.)

Week 3  
*Categories* 1-9

Week 4  
*De Interpretatione* 1-5;

Week 5  
*De Interpretatione* 6-14

Week 6  
*Prior Analytics* I. 1-7, 13

Week 7  
*Prior Analytics* II. 22-27; *Posterior Analytics* II.29

Week 8  
*Topics* I; mid-term exam

Week 9  
*Physics* I; *Physics* II.1-3

Week 10  
*Physics* III.1-2

Week 11  
*Metaphysics* IV (Γ); VI (E)

Week 12  
(same), IX (Θ) 1-2; XII (Λ)

Week 13  
*Nicomachean Ethics* I

Week 14  
*Nicomachean Ethics* II-IV, X

Texts:
Optional: some edition of the *Nicomachen Ethics* with a glossary (e.g., Ostwald, Sachs)