

Ancient Ethics Reading List

These lists contain at least 80% of what is required by a good grounding in the subject; overlap is expected with texts studied in courses in ancient philosophy. The student's final list will be worked out in consultation with faculty in the subject area.

GENERAL

Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness*, Oxford 1993

Jiyuan Yu and Jorge Gracia (eds.), *Rationality and Happiness: From the Ancients to the Early Medievals*, University of Rochester Press, 2003 (1st half, on ancients)

Simo Knuuttila, *Emotions in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Oxford 2004 (Part I)

PLATO

A. Primary texts

Apology

Gorgias

Phaedo

Euthydemus (protreptic passages)

Theatetus (digression)

Philebus

B. Secondary sources

Terence Irwin, *Plato's Ethics*, Oxford, 1995

Julia Annas, *Platonic Ethics Old and New*, Cornell, 1999.

Gail Fine (ed.), *Plato 2: Ethics, Politics, Religion and the Soul*, Oxford 1999.

C. C. W. Taylor, 'Platonic Ethics,' in Stephen Everson (ed.), *Companions to Ancient Thought, 4: Ethics*, Cambridge, 1998.

ARISTOTLE

A. Primary texts

Nicomachean Ethics

Eudemian Ethics

B. Secondary Sources

Richard Kraut, *Aristotle*, Oxford, 2002. Part I

Nancy Sherman (ed.) *Aristotle's Ethics: Critical Essays*, Rowman and Littlefield, 1999.

HELLENISTIC

A. Primary Texts

Brad Inwood and Lloyd Gerson, *Hellenistic Philosophy* (2nd ed.) Hackett, 1997

Cicero, *On Moral Ends*, tr. Raphael Woolf, comm.. Julia Annas, Cambridge, 2001

B. Secondary Sources

1. Epicureanism

John M. Cooper, 'Pleasure and Desire in Epicurus, Chapter 22 of *Reason and Emotion*, Princeton, 1999.

Raphael Woolf. "What Kind of Hedonist was Epicurus?" *Phronesis* XLIX, n.4 (2004).

James Warren, *Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics*, Oxford, 2004

2. Stoicism

Gisela Striker, 'Following Nature: A Study in Stoic Ethics' in *Essays on Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*. Cambridge, 1996.

Terence Irwin, 'Socratic Paradox and Stoic Theory' in Stephen Everson (ed.), *Companions to Ancient Thought, 4: Ethics*, Cambridge, 1998.

Brad Inwood, 'Rules and Reasoning in Stoic Ethics' and 'Getting to Goodness' in *Reading Seneca*, Oxford, 2005

3. Skepticism

Gisela Striker, 'Ataraxia: Happiness as Tranquility' in *Essays on Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*. Cambridge, 1996.

Harald Thorsrud, 'Is the Examined Life Worth Living? A Pyrrhonian Alternative' *Apeiron* 36.3 (2003)