Plato
Philosophy 161a
Prof. Yourgrau
Rabb 332

Texts:

Requirements:
Several short papers (4/5 ppg); possibly, a take home final exam.

Success in this 4 credit hour course is based on the expectation that students will spend a minimum of 9 hours of study time per week in preparation for class (readings, papers, discussion sections, preparation for exams, etc.).

Accommodations:
If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis and need to have special accommodations for this class, please see me immediately.

Brief Description:
This is not a survey class but rather a course devoted to a close examination of a small number of key texts of Plato's in an attempt to come to grips with the living thought of one of the greatest and most influential thinkers of all time. We will explore the relationship of Plato's thought to Socrates,' as well as Plato's influence on philosophers for the next two thousand years. The course will touch on Plato's various discussions of what is good, what is the best political regime, the nature of love and what is beautiful, the questions of death, time, and existence. A central theme of the course will be the ontological question made famous by Plato: what is real?

*Please note:* laptops, iphones, ipods, ipads, etc. are not allowed in the class. The only “I” permitted in the classroom is yourself.

**Also please note:** any case of dishonesty (cheating on a test, using materials, including from the internet, and failing to cite its origin) is a serious academic infraction and is subject to disciplinary action.