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Course Inquiries & Revisions



Questions, critiques, and feedback regarding course material are always welcome to ensure continuous academic refinement.

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Philosophy 210 B: Ancient Philosophy Overview

Logistics

- Free Library
- University-Level
- Brief Format (Overview + 6 Short Lectures = ~1 Hour)

Core Competencies

1. Explain initial inquiries of early Greek thinkers.
2. Describe core tenets of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.
3. Outline the practical ethics of later Hellenistic schools.

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Defining the Era and the Discipline



Philo (Love) + *Sophia* (Wisdom) = Philosophy

Material Composition
(What is the world?)

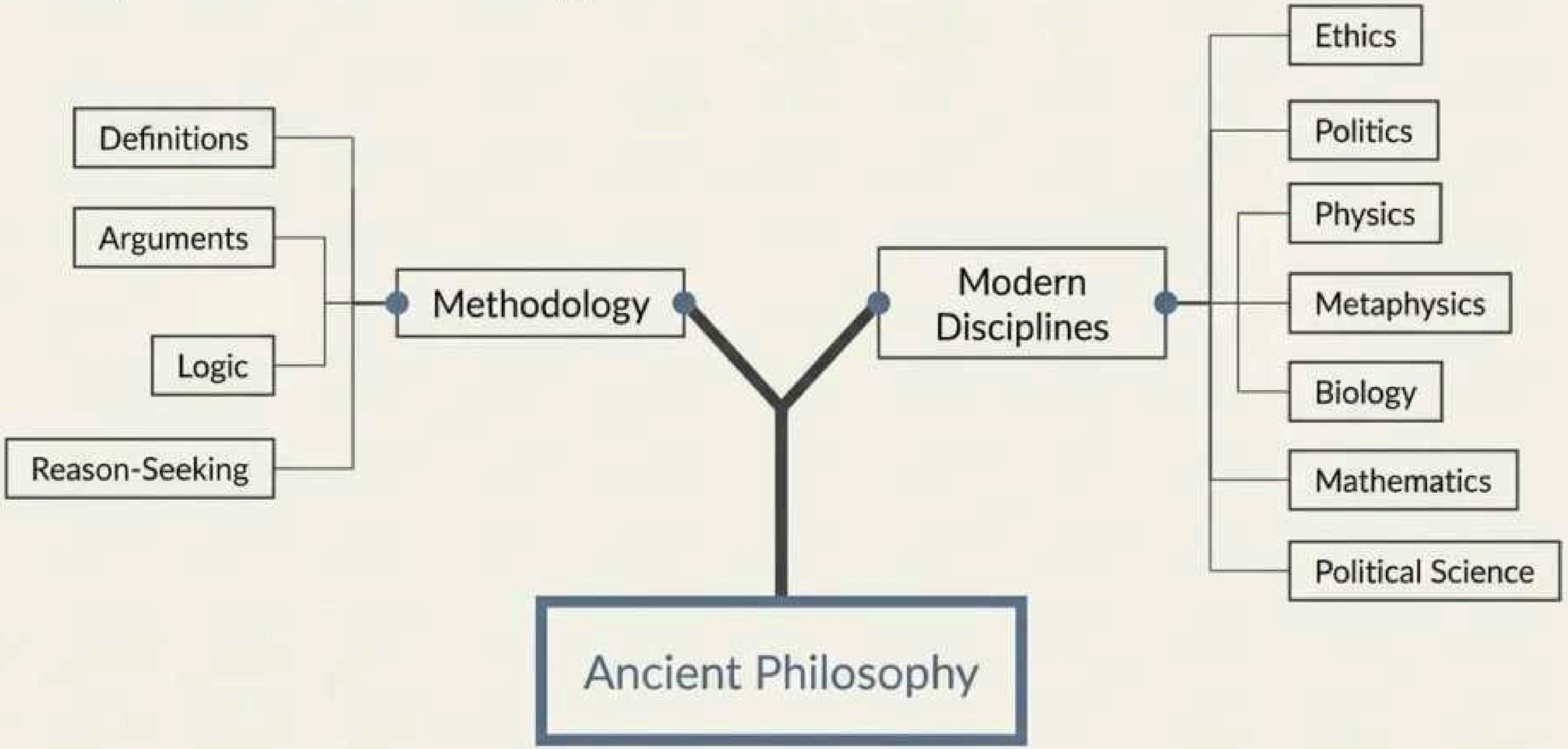
Epistemology
(How do we know?)

Ethics
(How should we live?)

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The Root System of Western Thought



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Course Map: The Early Thinkers & Athens

Lecture 1: Miletus & Pythagoras

Explaining nature without mythology.

Lecture 2: The Quarrel of Change vs. Being

Heraclitus, Parmenides, Atomists.

Lecture 3: The Athenian Turn

The Sophists and Socrates.

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Course Map: The Titans & Later Schools

Lecture 4: Plato

The Forms, The Cave, The Ideal City.

Lecture 5: Aristotle

Empiricism, Invention of Logic.

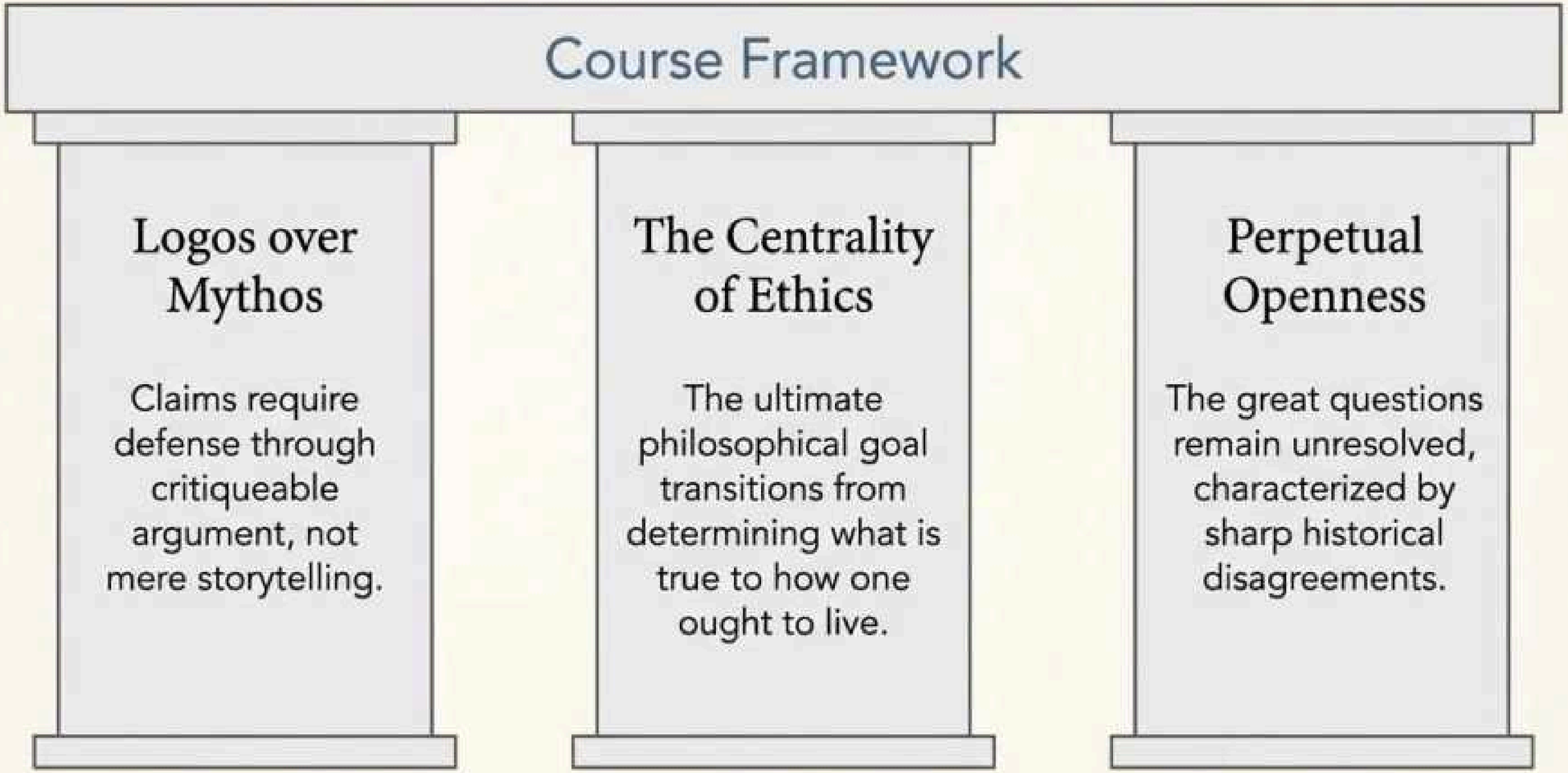
Lecture 6: Hellenistic Schools & Legacy

Epicureans, Stoics, Skeptics, Plotinus.

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Three Unifying Thematic Pillars



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Historiographical Ground Rules

Type of Evidence	Limitation / Caution
Second-hand reports & fragments	Socrates wrote nothing; early thinkers are quoted by later, potentially biased writers.
Approximate dates	Treat all timelines as rounded estimations due to scholarly debate.
Legends vs. Fact	Distinctions between verified history and later mythological reporting will be explicitly noted.

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Prerequisites & Pedagogical Scope

Prerequisites

- Zero background required.
- No ancient Greek language needed.
- All terminology defined in situ.

Scope: The Map is Not the Territory

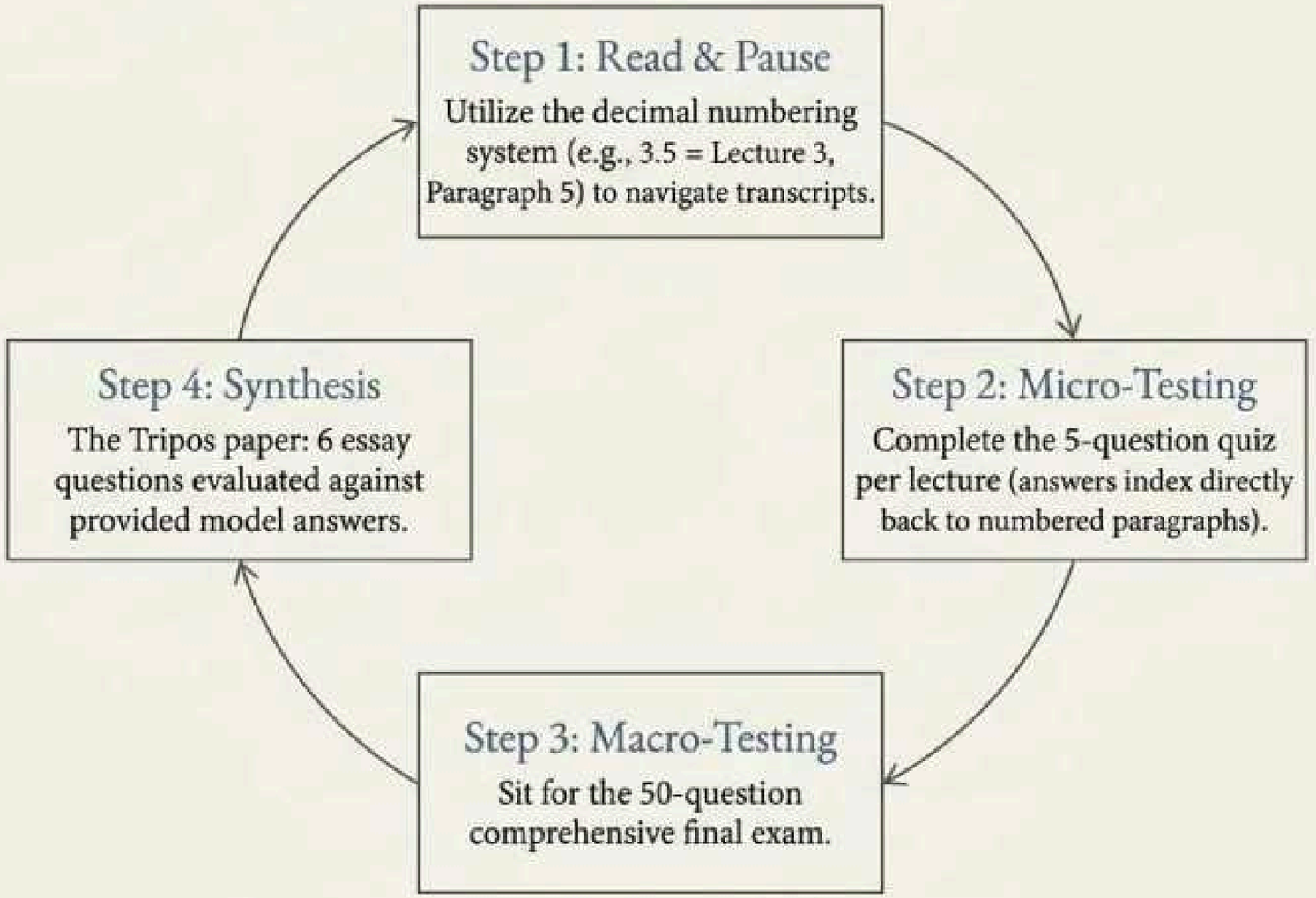
An objective survey of ideas, not a prescriptive doctrine of belief.

Curated works are named in each lecture for those wishing to explore the territory further.

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Recommended Study Mechanics



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Course Development & Accuracy

Artificial Intelligence Structure

Strict Human Direction

Established Reference Works

A Living Document

- Scholarship evolves; dates remain rounded.
- Errors can be flagged using the exact paragraph numbering system as scholarship evolves.

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Ongoing Discourse

As a reminder, all questions and constructive feedback remain welcome as you progress through the lectures.

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Transition to Lecture One

Orientation complete. We now proceed to the first philosophers—and the fundamental question of what everything is made of.



[Begin Lecture 1]

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