

PhD Qualifying Examination /MA Comprehensive Examination
Topic for 2010-2011:
Generation and Destruction

Reading List

Note: The topic includes *both* the ancient philosophers' views on local comings-to-be and passings-away and on the generation and destruction of the kosmos itself.

Presocratics: Fragments and Testimonia from the works of Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Heraclitus, Pythagoras, Parmenides, Anaxagoras, Empedocles and Democritus. (Recommended translations: Richard D. McKirahan, *Philosophy Before Socrates*.)

Plato: Euthyphro, Apology, Meno are not relevant to this year's topic and so they need not be studied in preparation for the exam. However, we assume that you have read these dialogues at some point in the past. If that is not the case, these works should be read along with the following dialogues: Phaedo, Republic, Parmenides 126A-135C, Timaeus, and Philebus 23c-31b. (Recommended translation: Plato, *Complete Works*, ed. J.M. Cooper.)

Aristotle: Categories chs. 1-5; Metaphysics I, III. 4, 6, IV, V. 1-4, 7-12, 22, 30; VI-IX, XII; Physics I-II, III.1-3, 8, V. 1-2, IV.10-14, VII.1, VIII; On Generation and Destruction; Nicomachean Ethics I.6 and X. 7-8 (Recommended translation: The *Complete Works of Aristotle*, Volumes I-II, ed. J. Barnes.)

Hellenistic Philosophers: sections on Stoic Ontology and Physics and Epicurean Physics. (Recommended translation: *The Hellenistic Philosophers*, eds. A.A. Long and D. Sedley.)