

Introduction to Philosophy

Extra Credit #3: Avicenna

Due Date

Tuesday, September 20th, at the beginning of class.

Late extra credit assignments will *not* be accepted unless you and I agree on a reasonable accommodation *prior* to this due date.

Instructions

Your write-up should be 250–300 words in length and conform to the course's "General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers". This should be submitted as a computer-type-written hardcopy directly to me.

This extra credit assignment has you listen to a podcast, available on the course website, and do a short write-up addressing some questions about it.

Topic

Listen to the *Philosophy Bites* episode with Peter Adamson discussing Avicenna (also known as Ibn Sīnā), and answer the following questions.

Questions

1. What is Avicenna's argument for the existence of God, and that God is omnipotent? What problems does Adamson see with these arguments?
2. Do you think Avicenna's arguments are good ones? Do you agree or disagree with Adamson's criticisms of them?