Everyone dies. Everyone also lives. What do the two have to do with each other? If there isn’t life after death, does that mean we should do whatever we want while alive? Are there better strategies for living, ones that are more likely to make us happy? Is there a way to talk ourselves out of worrying about our death? Would that even be desirable?

Ancient Greeks and Romans faced the same problems, and philosophers of the time period did a lot of thinking about these topics. In this class we’ll consider their approaches by the light of the 21st Century.