

# Philosophy

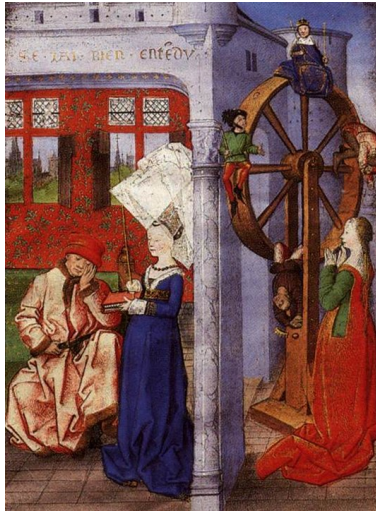


Figure: Boethius, Lady Philosophy, and Lady Fortune (public domain: [source](#))

# Curriculum

## Bachelor of Arts (4 years)

### Trivium

- ▶ Grammar
- ▶ Logic
- ▶ Rhetoric

### Quadrivium

- ▶ Geometry
- ▶ Arithmetic
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Astronomy

## Master of Arts (3 years)

→ *ius ubique docendi*

## Doctorate (10+ years)

Law

Medicine

Theology

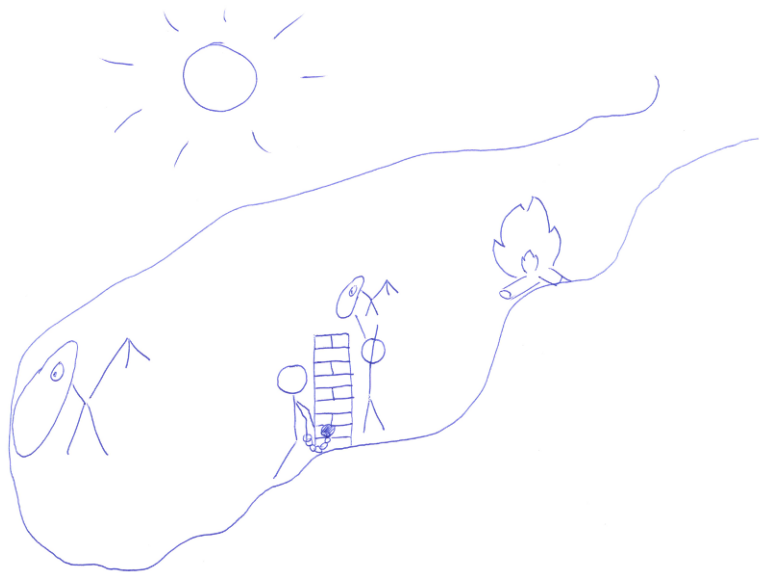
# Scholasticism

A dialectical philosophical tradition born out of the need to reconcile Aristotle's rediscovered philosophy with Scripture.



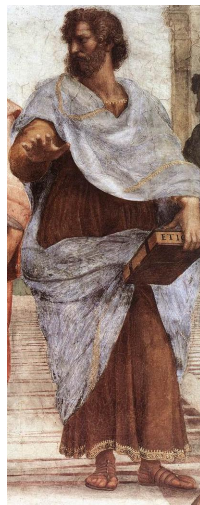
**Figure:** St Thomas Aquinas  
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# Plato



# Aristotle

- ▶ Physics, e.g. optics
- ▶ Deductive logic
- ▶ Epistemology of the particular
- ▶ Ethics: virtue relative to function
- ▶ Metaphysics: the unmoved mover



**Figure:** Raphael's Aristotle  
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# Boethius

- ▶ Northern Italian court administrator, c. 480–524/25
- ▶ Neoplatonist with Aristotelian interests
- ▶ Intended to translate Aristotle into Latin
- ▶ Original writings on the liberal arts and theology

# The Wheel of Fortune



Figure: Wheel of Fortune (public domain: [source](#))

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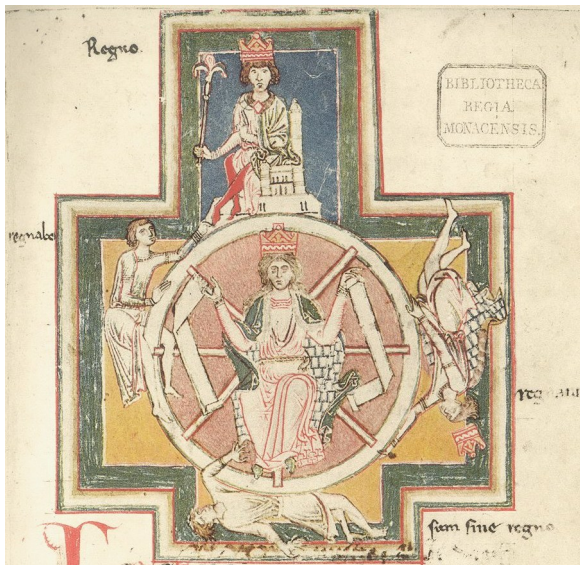


Figure: Carmina Burana Wheel of Fortune (public domain: [source](#))



## Translations of *The Consolation of Philosophy*

- ▶ Old English: Alfred of Wessex, 890s/890x930
- ▶ Old High German: Notker of St Gall, c. 1000
- ▶ Old French: Jean de Meun, 1298 (a source of Chaucer's)
- ▶ Middle English: Chaucer, c. 1380