

History of the Academy

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Plato's Academy

- Was founded in Athens.
- Was founded in ca. 387 BCE.
- It persisted during the Hellenistic period as a skeptical school.
- Plato's Academy is said to have been a school for would-be politicians in the ancient world, and to have had an illustrious alumni.
- Aristotle studied there for 20 years before founding his academy...

...The Lyceum

- Was founded in 335 BCE.
- It was also known as the Peripatec School, because students and teachers would stroll (as peripeto = walk) the tree lines grounds during lectures.
- This site was a massive fore-runner of modern universities and museums. Here Aristotle and others taught philosophy, mathematics and rhetoric.

The shift from Stoicism to Monasticism

- Was literally the act of "Dwelling alone"
- Come to denote the mode of life pertaining to persons living in seclusion from the world, under religious vows and subject to a fixed rule, as monks, friars, nuns.

The oldest University

- The University of Bologna, or Università Di Bologna, is considered the oldest university in the Western world.
- Paris also have a contender for oldest university, being Paris-Sorbonne University.
- Next up are the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford has be a teaching institute since 1096 and has been a place of learning, longer than that (supposedly).

Modern Universities

- Seminary Model
- The goal of the Seminary model of universities was to produce clergymen.
- It was a generalist focus on a wide assortment of topics and subjects.
- German University Model
- This model is the most commonly used, where there are specialist staff and curriculum for a specific thing (Department of Art, etc...)
- This type applies Science broadly and teaches that science is a part of every subject in some form.