

Orlando Stoics & Tampa Stoics History

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(ORLANDO)—Orlando Stoics announced that it had reached a 9 1/2-year milestone under the direction and guidance of its current leader, StoicDan. And its sister group, Tampa Stoics, hosted by Edin V., has nearly reached its 7th year of existence.

[Orlando Stoics](#) currently has more than 3,000 members and has held 1,300+ past classes and discussions with four meetings per week.

Orlando Stoics also started a new Spanish-language class on Wednesday evenings. Currently, they are reviewing *Meditations* by Marcus Aurelius. Each meeting begins with a dialogue of three to four people who cover the topics in each chapter. A Q&A session follows that so everyone can join in with comments, and newcomers can ask basic questions.

Orlando Stoics will also host its annual event, Stoicon-X Orlando, which serves the Southeast United States, hosting Stoic authors and scholars for a weekend of Stoic discussions. The group will also host their second annual Stoic Poetry Slam in 2025.

StoicDan also helped launch [Tampa Stoics](#), which is currently hosted and organized by Edin V. This group currently has 1,000+ members and has held 186 past classes. Their classes are held on first Fridays of every month, and has been in existence since November 10, 2017.

Occasionally, some of the Orlando Stoics will visit the Tampa group, or vice versa, and members participate in each other's events.

"StoicDan recently visited Tampa Stoics on Friday night, and we filled the community room at Raining Berries in north Tampa," said Tampa host Edin V. "It was very entertaining because Dan presented his 15 minutes of stand-up comedy on philosophy, jokes about handling obstacles in life and being open-minded. He followed it up with interview questions."

"Comedy is a way of reaching general audiences with philosophy," said StoicDan. "This can be a good match since comedy and philosophy both engage audiences by revealing aspects of life. This is why I believe philosophy is serious comedy."

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About Orlando Stoics:

The Orlando Stoics is a philosophical discussion group that originated in 2015 and is the third-largest Stoic discussion group in North America after Toronto and NYC. It hosts four weekly meetings, both online and in-person, uniting participants from the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Thailand, and Nepal. The group examines Stoic principles and their intersectionality with diverse philosophical frameworks. All programs are free and open to the public.