

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS CULTURE SECONDARY IV
Outreach High School 2018-2019

Course Description

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to tackle values and norms. You are to become aware of the process involved when choosing between good and evil (the normative challenge) and explore the major responses given in this regard by religious and non-religious systems. In order to practice your ethical reflection, you will work through specific ethical questions in order to discover the diversity of responses that can be applied to it.

Methods

You will keep an Ethics and Religious Culture notebook, in which you will be asked to record new learning, take a stance on different issues, respond to other people's comments, and raise new questions.

Our goal will be to gain a deeper understanding of the way we negotiate our day-to-day lives through:

- a. exploring the issues that we face and our different responses to them.
- b. Seeking the philosophical/theological (belief) roots to our reactions/responses.

Topics

Through the course of this year we will explore the following issues from various religious and non-religious perspectives:

- ◇ Mental Illness
- ◇ Racism
- ◇ Violence/bullying
- ◇ Sexuality
- ◇ Power dynamics

Other issues that might be addressed:

- Injustice in schools
- Gender expression

You will need a notebook in which to journal your progress.

Evaluation:

Class participation/discussion	30%
Notebook	30%
Projects	40%

Ethics and Religious Culture (ERC) is worth 2 credits, and does not include a final exam.