



Introduction to Philosophy

Hesperia High School

Noun

Philosophy

The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence, especially when considered as an academic discipline.



Course Description

- ❖ Philosophy is a course for students who want to study the philosophical and religious questions.

The course will focus on **Epistemology** (the branch of philosophy that focuses on the concepts of *knowledge* and *intellectually justified belief*), **Philosophy of Religion** (which focus on philosophical questions about religious beliefs), and **Philosophy of Mind and Behavior** (which focuses on human minds and behavior).

This class will also prepare students for college and their careers in applying critical thought to questions about life.



Students are provided opportunities to increase their fluency in debate while also developing their self-confidence in using logic, avoiding fallacies, and learning how to evaluate arguments .



Course Purpose

❖ The student will have the opportunity to develop strategies and knowledge to:



- Clarify concepts, analyze, and test propositions and beliefs with the goal to analyze and construct arguments in the hope of coming closer to truth.
- Gain wider vision of life in which the impartial use of reason results in an appreciation of other viewpoints.
- Have an ethical understanding of the “better life” in appreciating people's rights and needs through understanding substantive issues relating to the nature and destiny of humanity.

Pre-Requisites

- ❖ 10th grade students wishing to take this elective must have earned a B or higher in their freshmen English class, and have either taken a speech or debate class in middle school, or have a teacher recommendation.