

Watershed School
Fall, 2009
Mondays & Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Senior Seminar -- Ethics

Course of Study. This unit is designed for students in their final year of secondary education. It is preparation for future advanced study and conduct in fields of philosophy, ethics and related fields in the arts and humanities. It will involve reading, research and discussion that is shared by the participants in mutuality as a team. It is organized in three units:

1. Studies in ethical issues in religion -- an introductory examination of major religious traditions and institutions in their historical and philosophical contexts; this is a point of departure for a general review of ethical systems.
2. Case studies in contemporary ethical issues; examples of dilemmas and application of core values found in current information sources to be treated in class dialogue .
3. Creative exploration of a topic of the student's own choosing; a project of research and writing.

Expectations for Earning A Credit. Required for graduation, this credit will be earned by students who:

1. Attend and actively participate in each meeting of the group;
2. Complete all assignments of reading and writing by agreed-upon deadlines;
3. Be in regular communication with the teacher at all times about questions, ideas and any problems that might prevent fulfillment of the expectations of the course

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