



**Catholic
Memorial**
HIGH SCHOOL

Semester Long Course Plan

Department: Theology

Course: Introduction to Philosophy 155

Essential Learning Outcomes: After successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- Explain what the study of philosophy encompasses.
- Approach questions with confidence in the human capacity to know the truth.
- Challenge assumptions and presuppositions that are based on insufficient knowledge, inaccurate information or illogical arguments.
- Demonstrate a familiarity with some of the major figures, ideologies, and movements from the history of Philosophy.

<i>Quarter 1</i>	<i>Quarter 2</i>
1. Introduction to Philosophy (2 wks/4-5 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is philosophy? What is wisdom? • The fields of philosophy 2. Epistemology (4 wks / 8-9 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is truth? What is belief? • Certainty and Doubt / Skepticism • Foundations of Knowledge / Rationalism and Empiricism • Logic 3. Metaphysics (3 wks / 6-7 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is being? What is reality? • Essence , Existence and Accidents • Causes • The Mystery of God 	4. The Human Person (3 wks / 6-7 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a human? • Body and Soul • The Excellence of the Human Person • Freedom 5. Ethics (3 wks / 6-7 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the good? • Subjectivism vs. Objectivism • A sampling of ethical theories • Character, Wisdom and Virtue 6. Aesthetics (1 wk / 2 classes) What is beauty? 7. Survey of Great Philosophers (2 wks/4-5 classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato and Aristotle • Augustine and Aquinas • Descartes • Kant • Nietzsche and Marx • Existentialism