

Grade Course	S3 Advanced	Subject	Ethics and World Religion
Class Hours	4 Hours / Week		

3	Essay assignments analyzing the interplay of ethics and religion and how one influences the other.	Class debates on interpretation and comparisons of different religions.	Class debates asking students to confront their own ethical value systems and criteria.
2	Homework assignments linked to understanding of key ethical / religious beliefs	Essay assignments on the underlying beliefs of various Abrahamic faiths.	Class debates focusing on larger ethical concepts and value systems
1	Textbooks classes on basic ethical concepts and structures.	Textbook classes looking at the basic structure of the Abrahamic faiths.	Essay assignments on different ethical systems.
	A Recognition	B Logical Thinking	C Creative Thinking

Competencies

① Intercultural Understanding	Understanding the religions and ethics of other cultures is crucial for students to understand and appreciate those cultures.
② Inquiry	Students will be constantly seeking deeper understanding and challenging themselves to unravel the implications of different religious and ethical perspectives.
③ Reasoning	Students will need to apply reason and logic to understand the implications (and origins) of different religious and ethical perspectives.

Term	Month	Unit	Unit Goals	Activities
1	4	Overview of the Jewish People and their religion and practices.	To understand the origins of the Abrahamic religions, and the importance of the Jewish concept of the "Promised Land," and how it relates to present day issues regarding Israel.	Textbook classes on religion, an essay assignment, class debates and discussions on ethics and ethical issues arising from studies of religion.
	5	Introduction to basic ethical concepts.		
	6	Overview of Catholic Christianity, its origins and practices.	To understand the influence and spread of Catholicism, and its affect on the morality and politics of the western world. Also help students understand the current conflicts and debates in Catholicism, and how this affects its followers.	
7	Study of ethical schools of thought, and the origins of those schools.			
2	9	Overview of non-Catholic Christianity (including Protestant and Orthodox traditions), and how they differ from each other.	To understand the reason for so many different variations of Christianity, and to understand their influence on the modern world. Specifically, the role of Christianity in American (and thus global) politics.	Textbook classes on religion, an essay assignment, class debates and discussions on ethics and ethical issues arising from studies of religion.
	10	Study of the separation of ethics and religion.		
	11	Overview of Islam, its origins and the beliefs of its followers.	To understand the spread of Islam and its influence today. This will then be related back to the studies of Judaism and Israel, allowing the students to take a balanced view of this important issue.	
12	Study of the concept of ethical absolutes and whether they can exist in the modern world.			
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