

# **Introduction to Philosophy**

## **Grades 10-12**

(9<sup>th</sup> grade students may be admitted after submission of a brief writing sample and parent interview with the instructor)

## **Course Description:**

This class is designed to equip students to engage the culture for Christ. Through reading classics in Christian thought from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this class will spark a passion for the wonders of our triune God. The selections – mostly from the Inklings – a group of Christian intellectuals led by C.S. Lewis – will challenge students to address some of the ideas threatening our culture. The discussion format of the class allows students to ask hard questions in a safe environment. Dealing with the hard questions will prepare the students for the time when they have to rely on their own faith in God. Students will complete pre-class notes on the reading selections, a short reflection essay after the discussions conclude on the book, and a 4-5 page term paper dealing with a major theme in one of the selections.

Possible reading selections:

Wk. 1	J.P. Moreland	<i>Love Your God with All Your Mind</i>
Wk. 2/3	C.S. Lewis	<i>Mere Christianity</i>
Wk. 4	to be announced	
Wk. 5	C.S. Lewis	<i>The Abolition of Man</i>
Wk. 6/7	S. Vanauken	<i>A Severe Mercy</i>
Wk. 8/9	G.K. Chesterton	<i>Orthodoxy</i>
Wk. 10/11	Dorothy Sayers	<i>Mind of the Maker</i>
Wk. 12/17	J.R.R. Tolkien	<i>Lord of the Rings</i>

**Cost per semester: \$150.**

**Materials fee: \$20.**

**Min. number of students: 10**

**Max. number of students: 15**

**Text:** The info on purchasing the books listed above will be mailed with your confirmed registration. Students will need identical copies of these books for discussion purposes.

## **Instructor: Mr. Andrew Selby**

Mr. Selby, home schooled from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, grew up in Oregon. He attended Biola University's Torrey Honors Institute and graduated summa cum laude in 2005 with a B.A. in Humanities with an emphasis in Philosophy. Prior to his graduation, Mr. Selby was able to spend a semester at Oxford University studying Augustine's Life and Thought, Philosophy and Shakespeare.

Mr. Selby is currently teaching a *Foundations of American Thought* course to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students through the Torrey Academy in Santa Barbara. He has tutored extensively for grades 1-12. He deeply desires to encourage home schooled students "to understand the love of God in heart, soul, body and especially mind."

**This course is a single semester course and is worth 5 units.**

# **CourseTitle – Registration Form**

The cost of this course involves a **Course Fee**, **Materials Fee**, and **Co-op Fees**.

Checks for all thrmust be submitted with your registration (reg) form.

Though most people make full payment at time of registration, APS allows installment payment checks. You may pay in full or in 2 installments.

**ALL installment payment checks MUST BE INCLUDED with your registration form.**

## **1. Payment of Course Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO ANDREW SELBY**

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$150 due @ time of reg. **or**
- 2 cks in the amt of \$ 75 due @ time of reg.

Make one dated reg-date and the other dated 11/1/06 **or**

## **2. Payment of Materials Fees for the year: MAKE PAYABLE TO ANDREW SELBY**

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$20 due @ time of reg.

## **3. Payment of Co-op Fees for the year: MAKE PAYABLE TO “CASH”**

- 1 ck. in the amt of \$ 8 due @ time of reg.

**Parent’s Names**

**Phone No.**

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**Student Name**

**Grade**

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Initial registration closes June 23.

Questions by e-mail: Melody @ zmelody@pacbell.net

Mail this registration form with **ALL payment checks** mentioned above **and SASE** to:

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