PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

UNITS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO COUNT TOWARDS THE PRELIMINARY HSC AND A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

Logos for Schools aims at developing excellent skills in reasoning while engaging students with some of the most interesting and challenging questions of human life.

Philosophy and Ethics are practical subjects. The skills and knowledge can be applied in studies in all academic disciplines and, also, applied in daily life to deeply understand and to reason well about both personal decisions and social issues.

Studying philosophy and ethics helps students to think independently and clearly articulate their own well-reasoned, principled positions in public, academic, professional or personal situations.

The knowledge and skills of philosophy and ethics prepare students well for HSC and university studies, and a career in any field.

2018 DATES

LOGOS I – PHILOSOPHY:
Monday 3 December – Friday 7 December 2018

LOGOS II – ETHICS
Monday, 10 December – Friday 14 December 2018
Students attend the Philosophy unit before the Ethics unit.

STUDY TOWARDS THE PRELIMINARY HSC

› Study one or two units in Philosophy and Ethics towards the preliminary NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC). The results however do not count towards the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR).

› The units can be part of the pattern of enrolment for the preliminary HSC, or additional subjects.

STUDY TOWARDS A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

› Students who successfully complete a unit will be eligible to apply for advanced standing, in any undergraduate degree offered by the University of Notre Dame Australia, for the equivalent unit in the core curriculum.
THE BENEFITS OF THE LOGOS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS UNITS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO:

› Foster in students the capacities to think and act well.
› Develop higher order thinking skills; including the ability to analyse, think critically, engage in reasoned argument, synthesise and evaluate. Higher order thinking skills enable students to think well in any situation and to integrate, unify and communicate their knowledge.
› Develop skills in reasoning and communicating (grammar, logic and rhetoric), through studying some of the best and most challenging arguments in history about humanity and reality.
› Develop knowledge to reason well about truth in religion and science, meaning in politics and history, beauty in art and literature and values for living.
› Develop university level academic skills in research, writing, and the analysis and defence of reasoned arguments, preparing students well for the HSC and university.
› Introduce the methods of inquiry and reasoning, developed over centuries by some of the finest critical minds, to respond to the most interesting questions of human purpose, the nature of reason and argument, the elements of a good life and ethical conduct.

THE UNITS OFFER:

› Fun, friendly and supportive classes. The units are delivered in small classes by highly qualified and experienced university lectures so that high school students can enthusiastically and confidently engage with the challenging questions of philosophy and ethics. The University of Notre Dame Australia is a caring learning community and provides lots of support for students.
› Intensive mode delivery. The classes for a unit are attended in one week, on campus. The units are held at the end of Term 4 and the start of the summer school holidays.
› Lower fees than for equivalent units at the undergraduate level.
› The opportunity to experience being a university student during the on-campus workshops. This can assist in easing the transition to university after high school.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Students with an interest in philosophy and ethics and studying at university level can apply to participate in the December programme in the year that they will complete Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12. No previous study of philosophy or ethics is required.

WHEN IS THE PROGRAMME?

The programme is held in December each year. The units are held at the end of Term 4 and in the school holidays.
WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

1. LOGOS I – PHILOSOPHY:
Your studies will span the entire history of the tradition of philosophy to introduce you to fundamental philosophical questions and arguments. You will be introduced to arguments over the nature of thinking, what truth and knowledge are, what reality is and what it means to be a human person; both as an individual and as part of a group. Gain an understanding of how the answers to these questions, and challenges to the answers, influence how we see the world and the decisions we make.

2. LOGOS II – ETHICS:
What is good and bad, right and wrong? How do we know? You will be introduced to the discipline of ethics, the key ethical theories (particularly natural law theory, virtue ethics and deontology), practical decision making and moral evaluation.

You will develop concepts and skills that can be applied towards understanding and addressing social issues as well as to personal decision making.

STUDY REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Short preparation tasks based on readings from the textbook.</td>
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“Notre Dame – it’s unique and amazing, it’s about fearlessly sharing ideas, critically questioning, seeking and discovering truth together.”

Lara
LAWS / PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY STUDENT
APPLICATION AND FEES

FEES

1. The cost for this course is $300 for one unit. Two units cost $600.
2. A textbook is lent to students. The textbook needs to be returned in person or by post at the end of the Programme.
3. The fees are paid in full prior to the commencement of the unit.
4. The programme provides a significant fee saving compared to the undergraduate fees for equivalent subjects in the core curriculum. Students who receive advanced standing towards their degree achieve a saving on their undergraduate course costs.

APPLICATIONS

To apply please submit:

1. A completed application form, signed by a parent/guardian.
2. A personal statement of 500 words describing your interest in philosophy and ethics.
3. A signed Principal Cover Letter (part of the application form) approving your eligibility for participation

Download the application form and principal cover letter from the website at www.nd.edu.au/logosforschools

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATES

While we endeavour to process all applications received until the time the course commences, we encourage applications to be submitted by October to give students plenty of time to complete the preparatory readings and questions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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About the Intensive Week of Workshop Classes at University

Intensive week attendance

› Students attend 8 classes during the intensive week. Each class is three hours.
› There are four compulsory workshops, held on Monday and Tuesday, that all students attend.
› Students elect four elective workshops to take between Wednesday and Friday so some students might have a day, or a morning or an afternoon off.
› Light refreshments will be provided during the intensive classes. Students can bring lunch or there are numerous places to purchase lunch in close proximity to the campus.

What to Wear

Students wear casual clothes.

What to Bring

Students only need to bring a pen, paper and their lunch. Lunch can also be purchased at one of the many stores nearby. Light refreshments are provided.

Location

The intensive workshops are held at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia, close to Central Station.

Map (above)

The Broadway campus is a 10 minute walk from Central Station.

A downloadable pdf map can be found at: http://www.nd.edu.au/sydney/about/broadway.shtml