CAFE Class Descriptions

Teacher: Aaron Bogan

Class Title: Comparison of Contemporary Worldviews

Age Range (circle): ~~PreK-K 1~~~~st~~~~-3~~~~rd~~ ~~4~~~~th~~~~-6~~~~th~~ ~~Jr. High (7~~~~th~~~~-8~~~~th~~~~)~~  Lower HS (9/10) Upper HS (11/12)

Interested upper HS are also welcome. This is PRIMARILY geared toward those with little or no previous worldview exposure. However, it won’t be kid’s play stuff so even the big kids will benefit ☺

Curriculum Used:

Summit Ministries’ *Understanding the Times*

Books to purchase, if any, and approximate cost:

Digital license, which includes an electronic textbook, is $29.95 from Summit’s web site. Printed options are available, but the digital option is much cheaper. License can be purchased in ~mid June from the “Order” drop down menu at understandingthetimes.com

Course Description:

Two semester survey of six prominent worldviews and their unique impact on key academic disciplines (Theology, Philosophy, Ethics, Biology . . . ). Our goal will be to empower students to critically analyze the validity of these worldviews such that they will be better armed to rationally assert why they believe what they believe and (as a result) why they do what they do (Ideas Have Consequences)

Go to: understandingthetimes.com/overview for a more detailed description of the base curriculum.

Approximate time (per week) required outside of class for homework:

Perhaps 4 hours or so per week depending on the speed the student can comprehend the reading. I always struggle to quantify this, but I promise to do my best not to demoralize students with mountains of production while at the same time encouraging them to go beyond their own version of “good enough.”

Length of Course (circle): One semester Full Year ~~Additional Class Meeting Day (HS only)~~

Are new students accepted second semester? No, because the content directly builds on itself.

Fee/semester: $160

Maximum class size: 12-ish (I’d be willing to teach more than one section depending on venue restrictions). Getting too many in one group negatively impacts individualized discussion.

Grade assigned? Yes

Number of high school credit hours earned if all requirements are met: 2 electives (1/2 unit each) in really any of the academic disciplines we discuss: Theology, Ethics, Philosophy, etc.