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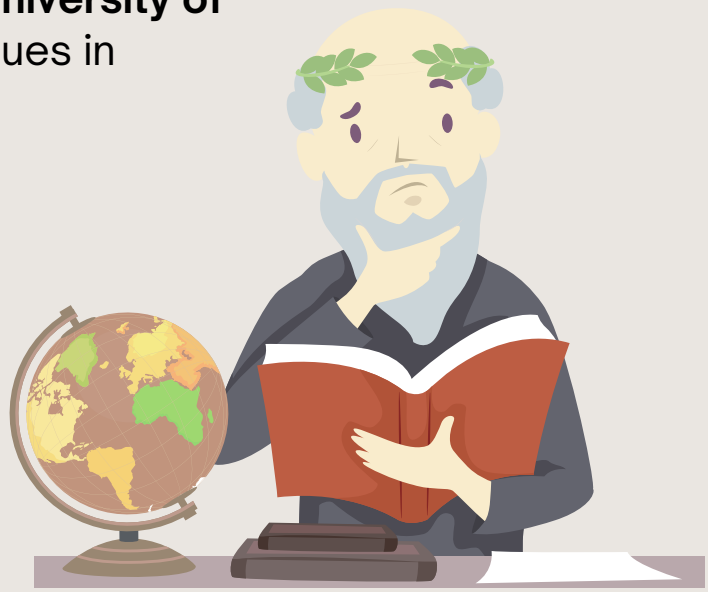

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- 09:30 AM - 04:00 PM
- Markham District High School
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Learn about interesting issues such as:

- Foundations of Politics: What is politics? Why care about it?
- Political Authority: When is political authority justified?
- Democratic Theory: What are the modern challenges for democracy?
- Just War: Is a just war possible? What moral duties do states have in war?

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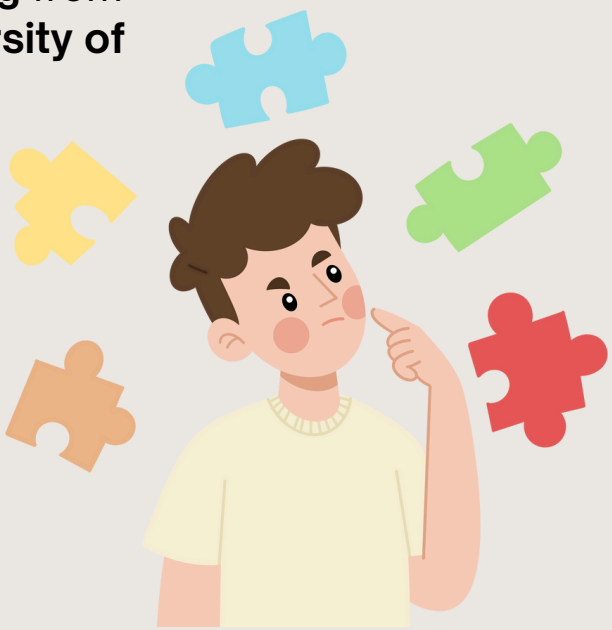

Aug 12 - Aug 16, 2024

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Learn about interesting issues such as:

- Ethical Theories: What makes actions right/wrong?
- Climate Change: What are we obligated to do?
- Deception: Is deception ever permissible?
- Poverty: What are the solutions, and which should we pursue?

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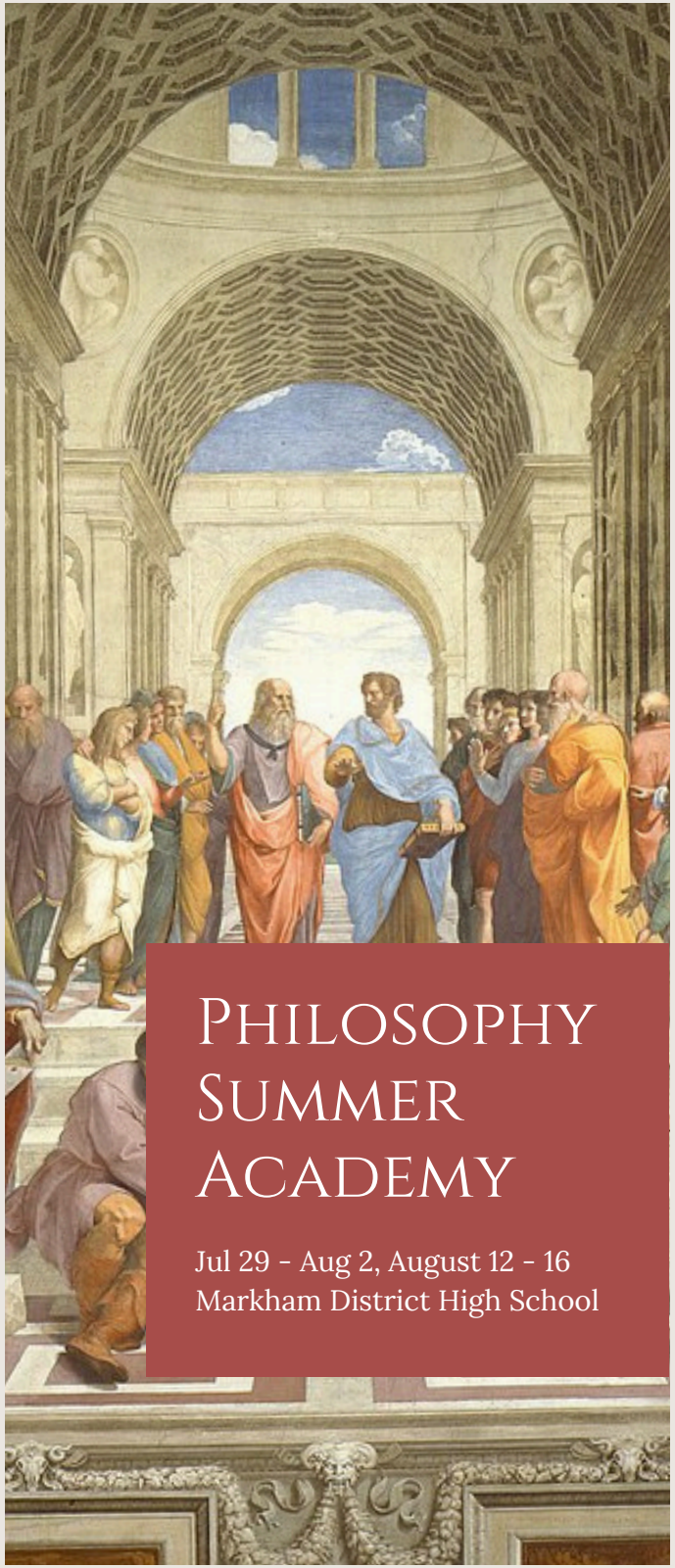

Philosophy Summer Academy

Jul 29 - Aug 2, August 12 - 16
Markham District High School

Overview

Philosophy Summer Academy is a week-long summer program offered to high school students, where students will develop valuable, widely-applicable skills such as:

- Constructing and presenting well-reasoned opinions
- Engaging in critical thinking to analyze the strength of an argument
- Communicating ideas clearly and concisely

... all while learning about and discussing philosophical topics in politics and science.

Taught by **top philosophy students and alumni from the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo**, students will also have the opportunity to learn about university admissions and university life.

> “Philosophical thinking is the mark of distinction between a mere artisan or specialist and a real seeker after truth.”
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> — Albert Einstein, 1944

“The program was **interesting and fun**. The instructors were **well-informed** and invited you to **consider all opinions whilst challenging your own**. They promoted and achieved an inclusive environment where **everyone was free to share their thoughts**.” — Student, 2023 Philosophy Summer Academy

The Program

Location
Markham District High School,
89 Church St, Markham ON L3P 2M3

Session 1: Politics, Law, & Philosophy
Jul 29 - Aug 2 (9:30am to 4:00pm)
Learn to critically think about modern political and legal issues in Canada and the world!

- Day 1: Foundations of Politics
- Day 2: Political Authority
- Day 3: Democratic Theory
- Day 4: Applied Topics in Politics
- Day 5: Philosopher’s Conference

Session 2: Applied Ethics
Aug 12 - Aug 16 (9:30am to 4:00pm)
Solve ethical dilemmas and learn about issues in applied ethics!

- Day 1: Intro to Ethical Theories
- Day 2: Duties of Beneficence
- Day 3: Duties of Non-Maleficence
- Day 4: Special Moral Obligations
- Day 5: Philosopher’s Conference

Registration

To register, visit **philosophyforyouth.ca** and fill out the student registration form.

Program Fee
Early Bird - $150; Regular - $200
Program fees go towards:

- Lectures
- Facility
- Materials
- PFY Folder and Pen

Requirements
Students must be enrolled in an Ontario high school.

Financial Aid

Students dealing with financial hardship will be considered for financial aid to ensure our programs remain accessible. To be considered, please contact **registration@philosophyforyouth.ca**

What is Philosophy?

The aim of philosophy is to construct and critically assess questions such as:

Value Theory: How should I live life? What is right and wrong, and what makes it right or wrong? What makes a society just or unjust?

Epistemology: What is knowledge? How can we trust experts? How do I know I'm not dreaming?

Metaphysics: Is everything predetermined? Do I have free will? Could AI ever be concious?

Practical Benefits

Philosophy improves critical reasoning and writing. On the Graduate Record Exam, **students who study Philosophy score highest in verbal reasoning and analytical writing**, higher than students of subjects like Physics and Economics.[1]

Philosophy develops logic skills. On the Law School Admissions Test, which tests logic skills, **students who study Philosophy score highest overall**. [2]

1. Educational Testing Service, "GRE Guide to the Use of Scores" (https// www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide_ table4.pdf)
2. Michael Nieswiadomy, "LSAT Scores of Economics Majors, Journal of Economic Education 41, no 3 (Summer 2010): 331-3

About Us

Philosophy For Youth is a registered Ontario not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to promote the lifelong learning of philosophy by youth.

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