Perspectives Honors RAP

This program will be located in Oak Hall in the Honors Residential Community.

Perspectives Honors RAP is ideal for students who are interested in discussing and debating ethical issues. Students in this RAP will enroll in Intro to Ethics which satisfies a General Education and Honors requirement. In addition, they will make connections across this course and the 1-credit "Front Page" seminar which will cover current events in the news.

Students must be roommates with another person in the program.

Related Courses:

Phil 160H: Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Ethics - This course provides an introduction to ethics by way of a discussion of theories and argument in two central areas of moral philosophy: The Normative Ethics of Behavior and Value Theory. Other topics in moral philosophy are discussed along the way. In every case the focus is on careful formulations of theories and arguments. The goals are: to understand the theories and arguments; to develop the ability to evaluate the theories and arguments; and to develop the ability to extract well-formed, interesting arguments from serious philosophical texts.

Honors 201H - Commonwealth Honors Seminar - Ideas that Change the World

In this interdisciplinary, discussion-based seminar, students will examine innovative thinkers, groundbreaking ideas, and the strategies that transform these ideas into effective actions.

The course explores dilemmas addressed by the sciences, the arts, and the humanities. In each of these broad areas, the course focuses on questions about human nature, the sources of our knowledge, and the application of that knowledge to the solving of perennial and contemporary problems. The semester begins with inquiries into the nature of truth, of particular relevance in our era of debates over “alternative facts.” Then the course considers ongoing problems of violence, injustice, and environmental crisis. Our inquiries will establish a dialogue between past and present as we examine historical figures such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Rachel Carson, along with present-day innovators such as Temple Grandin and the Dalai
Lama.

More details about the course

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