



## **C.S. Lewis**

### Extra Evaluation Course

#### **Description**

This course explores the writings of C.S. Lewis, one of the most influential Christian writers of the twentieth century. From his fantasies to his moral treatises, Lewis imparts the concept that one has great responsibility to live well, and while shaping one's own world, one can shape global ethics. The readings include apologetics, philosophical accounts of doctrine, and allegorical interpretations of Christian theology. Students will enjoy discussing the "big questions" and learn how to apply them to their own lives.

In this extra evaluation version, students will write 3 essays throughout the term and participate in 2 oral exams. Students will be assessed of their expertise on the subject matter and general themes and will receive an overall mark for the course as well as an official WISDOM transcript.

**Cost: \$300**

#### **Course Reading List**

- *Surprised by Joy*
- *The Inner Ring*
- *The Weight of Glory*
- *The Screwtape Letters*
- *Mere Christianity*
- *The Great Divorce*
- *The Abolition of Man*
- *Till We Have Faces*
- *A Grief Observed*

#### **Primary Learning Objectives**

- Students will be familiar with the key works of C.S. Lewis and understand how they interact with and illuminate one another.
- Students will develop theological sophistication by critically analyzing and discussing ideas such as morality, beauty, love, longing, sin, natural law, and human nature.
- Students will explore how to practically apply these insights to their own lives.

## Method of Evaluation Student Performance

Assignments	Weight
Week 2: Essay ( <i>Surprised by Joy</i> )	17%
Week 5: Essay ( <i>The Inner Ring, The Screwtape Letters</i> )	17%
Week 7: Oral Midterm Exam	12%
Week 11: Essay ( <i>The Abolition of Man</i> )	17%
Week 14: Oral Final Exam	18%
Class Participation	19%

*Instructions for essays:* Essays should respond substantively to the question posed. They should reflect the student's own thought and not just repeat what is found in the readings. Essays should be no less than 1000 words. The student will be graded on the quality of their thought as well as the clarity of their presentation.

*Instructions for oral exams:* Oral exams will test both the student's familiarity with the broader course material as well as their critical reasoning ability. In these exams, the tutor will engage the student with a number of questions, to which the student must thoughtfully respond. Oral exams are 20-30 minutes long and will take place in the classroom at a time determined by the student and his/her tutor.