

*The Virtue of Selfishness* Reading Group

Nov 15—January 17, 2022-2023

We'll meet weekly via Zoom, **Tuesdays 1:30–3:15pm PT / 4:30–6:15pm ET**. The meeting link will be the same every week: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84849582670>. Readings in bold will be the focus of the discussion.

Schedule		Reading
Week 1	Tues, Nov 15	<u>Introductions and Foundations</u> (18 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "Introduction"</li> <li>● <b>"The Objectivist Ethics," page 13 through the paragraph that ends on the top of page 25</b> (from the beginning through "A code of values accepted by choice is a code of morality," a little less than halfway through the essay)</li> </ul>
Week 2	Tues, Nov 22	<u>Moral Theory</u> (14 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"The Objectivist Ethics," page 25 through the end</b></li> </ul>
Week 3	Tues, Nov 29	<u>Morality and Other People</u> (17 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"The Ethics of Emergencies"</b></li> <li>● "Mental Health versus Mysticism and Self-Sacrifice"</li> </ul>
Week 4	Tues, Dec 6	<u>What Selfishness Is—And Isn't</u> (17 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"Isn't Everyone Selfish"</b></li> <li>● "Counterfeit Individualism"</li> <li>● "The Psychology of Pleasure"</li> </ul>
Week 5	Tues, Dec 13	<u>(Apparent) Conflict with Others</u> (18 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"The 'Conflicts' of Men's Interests"</b></li> <li>● "Doesn't Life Require Compromise?"</li> <li>● "The Divine Right of Stagnation"</li> </ul>
Week 6	Tues, Dec 20	<u>Collectivism</u> (26 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"Collectivized Ethics"</b></li> <li>● "The Monument Builders"</li> <li>● "Racism"</li> </ul>
	Tues, Dec 27	<b>BREAK</b>
Week 7	Tues, Jan 3	<u>Political Theory</u> (33 pages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>"Man's Rights"</b></li> <li>● "The Nature of Government"</li> <li>● "Collectivized 'Rights'"</li> <li>● "Government Financing in a Free Society"</li> </ul>
Week 8	Tues, Jan 10	<u>Moral Judgment</u> (18 pages)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>“How Does One Lead a Rational Life in an Irrational Society?”</b></li><li>● “The Cult of Moral Grayness”</li><li>● “The Argument from Intimidation”</li></ul>
Week 9	Tues, Jan 17	Q&A with Senior Faculty