

Course Outline for: PHIL 1105 Philosophy of Religion**A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: Goal 6 Humanities and Fine Arts
 Goal 8 Global Perspectives

This course will examine both classic and contemporary issues in the philosophy of religion, including but not limited to: proofs for the existence of divine beings or God; analysis of the types of proofs including mystical experiences, faith, or rational acceptance for religious and spiritual belief; Eastern philosophy from the scriptures of Daoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and Hinduism; philosophical issues about the nature of God and human experience stemming from montheistic religious traditions including Judaism, Christianity and Islam: indigenous religious and mythic traditional understanding of human nature, society, and cosmic structure. The course will also evaluate alternatives to religious or spiritual beliefs including criticisms of them from the perspectives of secular humanism, atheism, agnosticism and contemporary issues associated with our beliefs in modern life.

B. Date last reviewed/updated: March 2023**C. Outline of Major Content Areas:**

1. An examination of classic and contemporary issues in the philosophy of religion from Western, Eastern and Indigenous religious traditions.
2. Examination of and comparative reflection on the problems and controversies surrounding religious belief from a global perspective.
3. Examination of and comparative reflection on the varieties of religious experience and belief and their impact on global cultural and social issues.
4. Examination of and reflection on alternatives to religious or spiritual beliefs
5. Examination of the relationship between culture and religious expression

D. Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and comprehend significant elements in contemporary and classical writings in philosophy of religion. (Goal 6a)
2. Understand the writings and counterarguments situated within the values and traditions of the authors and the historical context. (Goal 2b, 6b)
3. Respond critically using the tools of philosophy applied to issues, values, and arguments of philosophy of religion. (Goal 6c)

4. Present an informed response to the material both in terms of its own philosophical tradition and in terms of its place in the history of ideas. (Goal 6e)
5. Explain and relate how the development and progression of themes of philosophy of religion influence the interplay of cultural movements, social understanding, and sense of self. (Goal 8a)
6. Compare unique philosophical, cultural, religious systems of thought and contrast them to discover their importantly distinct conclusions and implications. (Goals 2d, 8b)
7. Use knowledge of the religious and philosophical traditions to analyze some international problems and consider possible alternative solutions which support global citizenship. (Goals 8c, 8d)

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:

Assessments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Essays and Papers
2. Exams and Quizzes
3. Discussion Projects
4. Participation
5. Service Learning

F. Special Information:

None.