



Common Course Outline for: PHIL 1105 Philosophy of Religion

A. Course Description

1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
Lab hours per week: None
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Co-requisites: None
5. MnTC Goals 6 and 8

B. Date last revised: March, 2017

C. Outline of Major Content Areas

Content will include both classic and contemporary philosophy of religion material including but not limited to: Proofs for the existence of divine beings or God; analysis of the types of proof including mystical experiences, faith, or rational acceptance for religious and spiritual belief; Eastern philosophy from the scriptures of Daoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and Hinduism; Indigenous religious and mythic traditional understanding of human nature, society and cosmic structure. Course will also evaluate alternatives to religious or spiritual beliefs including criticisms of them from perspectives of secular humanism, atheism, agnosticism and contemporary issues associated with our beliefs in modern life.

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. 6a
2. Understand the writings and counterarguments situated within the values and traditions of the authors and the historical context. 6b, 2b
3. Respond critically using the tools of philosophy applied to issues, values and arguments of philosophy of religion. 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. 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. 8a.
6. Compare unique philosophical, cultural, religious systems of thought and contrast them to discover their importantly distinct conclusions and implications. 8b, 2d

7. Use knowledge of the religious and philosophical traditions to analyze some international problems and consider possible alternative solutions which support global citizenship. 8c, 8d

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning: Essays, Papers, Tests, Reports, Service Learning, Discussion Postings, and Participation

F. Special Information The Religious Studies Certificate requires nine (9) credits of core courses and a choice of six (6) electives from a collection of other courses. This course, PHIL 1105 is one of the four (4) options for the required core courses.