



## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE TITLE:** Philosophy of Religion

**TERM & YEAR:** Fall

**COURSE & SECTION NUMBER:** PHL 323

**TIME & PLACE:** Internet asynchronous

**NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An inquiry into the nature of religious experience, activity and belief. An examination of the concepts of God, freedom, and immortality, as well as the relationship of religious knowledge to artistic and scientific knowledge.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

**REFERENCES:**

**OTHER MATERIALS:** Links to other materials are provided in the course.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** The class objective is to explore the perennial questions in the philosophy of religion in a manner thought to be genuinely worthwhile. The lectures will be personal and yet critical, attempting to strike a fair balance between pure neutrality on the one hand and outright advocacy on the other. Classroom discussion is encouraged. Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to do the following:

- A. Express an informed philosophic opinion about religious experience, faith and reason, and theistic arguments.
- B. Discuss the problem of evil
- C. Describe reformed epistemology, miracles, and religious language
- D. Explain religious pluralism, religion and science and the relationship between religion and morality.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Students will be required to participate in several activities, to complete certain reading and written assignments, to complete forum entries on Moodle, and to share ideas and experiences with the class in the forum discussions.

### **ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION:**

Trine University requires all students to attend classes to receive federal financial aid. Every week you must participate in class in some capacity (through a forum post at the minimum) to be counted in attendance. Attendance or the lack thereof will be reported to the university weekly.

Since this class has an online component, students need to log into the class and complete assignments. Makeup quizzes and acceptance of late assignments will be considered only for documented medical reasons or emergency circumstances and will be handled on a case by case basis.

### **GRADING/EVALUATION:**

All assignments must be completed satisfactorily in order to pass the course. The evaluation process described below is subject to change by the instructor. Changes will be announced in class. Grades will be based on assignments, forum postings, and a paper. All responses are assigned a point total. The grading scale is as follows:

900-1000 =	A	670-699 =	D+
870-899 =	B+	600-669 =	D
800-869 =	B	599 or below =	F
770-799 =	C+		
700-769 =	C		

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS (1000 POINTS POSSIBLE FOR THE COURSE):**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Points</b>
Forum Discussion	8 @ 28 points + plus 16 for introduction = 240 points
Essays	8 @ 30 points = 240 points
Conversation Transcript	200 points
Final Paper	200 points
Total	1000

#### **OTHER POLICIES:**

##### **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

The University prohibits all forms of academic misconduct. Academic misconduct refers to dishonesty in examinations (cheating), presenting the ideas or the writing of someone else as one's own (plagiarism) or knowingly furnishing false information to the University by forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records, or identification. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: permitting another student to plagiarize or cheat from one's own work, submitting an academic exercise (written work, printing, design, computer program) that has been prepared totally or in part by another, acquiring improper knowledge of the contents of an exam, using unauthorized material during an exam, submitting the same paper in two different courses without knowledge and consent of professors, or submitting a forged grade change slip or computer tampering. The faculty member has the authority to grant a failing grade in cases of academic misconduct as well as referring the case to Student Life.

##### **PLAGIARISM**

You are expected to submit your own work and to identify any portion of work that has been borrowed from others in any form. An ignorant act of plagiarism on final versions and minor projects, such as attributing or citing inadequately, will be considered a failure to master an essential course skill and will result in an F for that assignment. A deliberate act of plagiarism, such as having someone else do your work, or submitting someone else's work as your own (e.g., from the Internet, fraternity file, etc., including homework and in-class exercises), will at least result in an F for that assignment and could result in an F for the course.

#### **COURSE CALENDAR/SCHEDULE:**

The course outline is subject to change by the instructor(s). Changes will be announced. All due dates are included on the assignment schedule which is located in Course Information. Please pay attention to that schedule file for due dates.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**