



PHIL 367

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Thursday 16:00 – 1845 SA 017

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.
(Prov 16:16)

Religion is an important part of many people's lives.

2. In this class we consider the questions: What is religion? Does God exist? What do we mean when we say things like, "God loves you"? How are science and religion related? How do we know religious truths? How should we understand the relationship between different religions? And more.
3. For practical reasons, my instruction will focus on Christianity. Observations and insights, from other religious traditions, however, are encouraged.

WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM?

Hi, my name is Caleb Lee, you can call me Caleb.

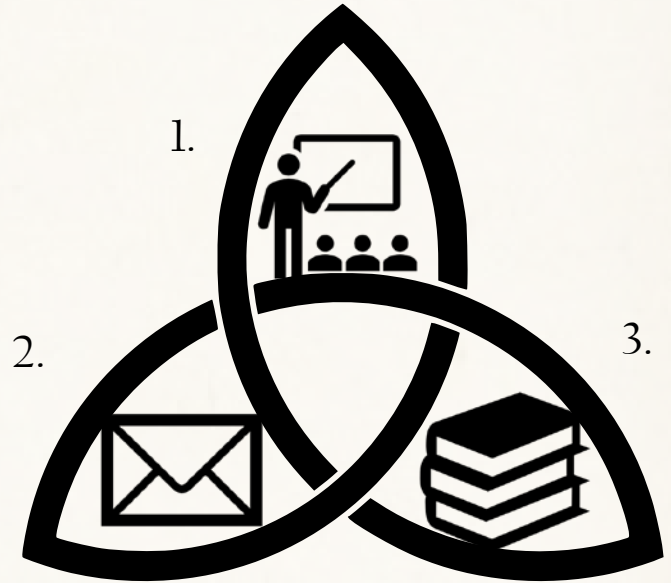
2. I received a PhD here at the U of C, in 2016. My research was on how the idea of belief is related to the idea of a good belief.

3. I have been teaching here regularly since 2012. I also teach at SAIT and work part time as a flight attendant for WestJet.



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ASK AND YOU SHALL RECIEVE



1. Come to class and ask questions about course content and assignments. I give advice about assignments and quizzes in class.
2. Email me questions unique to your situation. I usually check my email on days when we have class.
3. For in depth questions and concerns, come talk to me in the business school atrium Mondays at 13:00.

In this class you will...

a. Learn about some of the central issues and figures in the philosophy of religion

b. Critically assess, analyze, and interpret texts in the philosophy of religion

c. Engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written philosophical argument

d. Write convincing arguments that take adequate account of alternative positions

JUDGEMENT

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For by thy words thou shalt be justified,
and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
(Matt 24:27)

There will be a term paper worth 32%

There will be four short written assignments worth 5 % each. (20%)

At the end of every other class I will assign you a reflection question worth 2% that is due before next class. Six total (12%)

There will be six short online quizzes worth 6% each available at the end of class every other week and due before the next class. Six total (36%)

Details about the assignments and paper will be available on D2L. I give additional instruction and advice during class.

2. Submit all assignments to the appropriate drop box in D2L

3. You do not need to pass any single component of the course to pass the course

4. I will accept late work (excluding quizzes and reflections) without penalty---or feedback--- for one week after the due date but not after that. Late work will be graded when I am able.



Term Paper = 32%
Assignments (4) = 20%
Reflections (6) = 12%
+ Quizzes (6) = 36%

100%

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT GRADING SCHEME

96	A+
91	A
86	A-
81	B+
76	B
71	B-
66	C+
61	C
56	C-
51	D+
46	D
0	F

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PROPHECY

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But no one knows the day or the hour. No! Not even the
angels in heaven know.
(Matt 24:36)



WEEK 1 - SEPT 5

House keeping and Methodology
No readings
R1 assigned due before next class



WEEK 2 - SEPT 12

Religion or Cult?
[Reading](#)
A1 assigned due before next class
Q1 assigned due before next class



WEEK 3 - SEPT 19

The very idea of God
[Reading](#)
R2 assigned due before next class



WEEK 4 - SEPT 26

What is Jesus for?
[Reading](#)
Q2 assigned due before next class



WEEK 5 - OCT 3

Immortality
[Reading](#)
A2 assigned due before next class
R3 assigned due before next class



WEEK 6 - OCT 10

Ontology and Cosmology
[Reading, reading](#)
Q3 assigned due before next class



WEEK 7 - OCT 17

Design and new atheism
[Reading, reading](#)
R4 assigned due before next class



WEEK 8 - OCT 24

Evil and hiddenness
[Reading, reading](#)
A3 assigned due before next class
Q4 assigned due before next class



WEEK 9 - OCT 31

The Devil
Movie
R5 assigned due before next class



WEEK 10 - NOV 7

Miracles and Gambits
[Reading, reading](#)
Q5 assigned due before next class
R6 assigned due before next class



WEEK 11 - NOV 14

Reading week; no class



WEEK 12 - NOV 21

Mysticism and Religious
Experience
[Reading, reading](#)
A4 assigned due before next class



WEEK 13 - NOV 28

Semantics of faith
[Reading](#)
Q6 assigned due before next class



WEEK 14 - DEC 5

Mop up
No readings
Term paper due 23:59

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. The student accommodation policy can be found at ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf. Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

Absence or Missed Course Assessments

Students who are absent from class assessments (tests, participation activities, or other assignments) should inform their instructors as soon as possible. Instructors may request that evidence in the form of documentation be provided. If the reason provided for the absence is acceptable, instructors may decide that any arrangements made can take forms other than make-up tests or assignments. For example, the weight of a missed grade may be added to another assignment or test. For information on possible forms of documentation, including statutory declarations, please see ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html

Student Support and Resources

Full details and information about the following resources can be found at ucalgary.ca/Registrar/registration/course-outlines

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

Academic Advising

If you are a student in the Faculty of Arts, you can speak to an academic advisor in the Arts Students' Centre about course planning, course selection, registration, program progression and more. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for contact details and information regarding common academic concerns.

For questions specific to the philosophy program, please visit phil.ucalgary.ca. Further academic guidance is available by contacting David Dick (Undergraduate Program Director dgdick@ucalgary.ca) or Jeremy Fantl (Honours Advisor jfantl@ucalgary.ca). If you have questions regarding registration, please email Rebecca Lesser (Undergraduate Program Administrator phildept@ucalgary.ca).

Writing Assessment and Support

The assessment of all written assignments—and, to a lesser extent, written exam responses—is based in part on writing skills. This includes correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.), as well as general clarity and organization. Research papers must include a thorough and accurate citation of sources. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services for assistance (one-on-one appointments, drop-in support and writing workshops). For more information, and other services offered by the Student Success Centre, please visit ucalgary.ca/ssc.

Online Resources and Electronic Devices

Important information and communication about this course may be posted on D2L (Desire2Learn), UCalgary's online learning management system. Visit ucalgary.service-now.com/it for how-to information and technical assistance.

The instructor reserves the right to establish specific course policies regarding the use of electronic devices. If permitted, the use of devices must be exclusively for instructional purposes, and without disruption to the instructor or fellow students. Devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

Academic Misconduct/Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about referencing, please consult your instructor.

University Policies

The Instructor Intellectual Property Policy is available at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/Intellectual%20Property%20Policy.pdf

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, as outlined at ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip. The instructor (or TA) must return graded assignments directly to the student UNLESS written permission to do otherwise has been provided.

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html).