



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 331 Lec 20
“Philosophy of Religion”
Spring Term 2010

Course Outline

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Course Description:

This course examines some of the central issues in the philosophy of religion. Topics that we will cover include issues concerning God’s attributes, whether there is good evidence for God’s existence, and the problem of reconciling the existence of evil with a loving and all powerful God.

Required Text:

Philosophy of Religion: Selected Reading, 4th Edition, Edited by M. Peterson, et. al.

Course Evaluation:

The final mark will be determined by 3 assignments, which involve writing essays on assigned topics. Assignments can be submitted in class, or into a drop box in the Department of Philosophy (12th floor Social Sciences Building) by 4 PM on the day it is due. *Assignments will not be accepted via email under any circumstances.* Policy on late assignments: zero will be the assigned grade unless the lateness is university approved. There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.

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| Assignment 1 | Given May 26 – Due June 4 | 25 % |
| Assignment 2 | Given June 7 – Due June 14 | 35 % |
| Assignment 3 | Given June 16 – Due June 25 | 40 % |

Letter Grade Conversion Table

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| A+ | 96 –100 % | C+ | 67-69.9 % |
| A | 91-95.9 % | C | 64-66.9 % |
| A- | 86-90.9 % | C- | 60-63.9 % |
| B+ | 80-85.9 % | D+ | 55-59.9 % |
| B | 75-79.9 % | D | 50-54.9 % |
| B- | 70-74.9 % | F | 0- 49.9 % |

Intellectual Honesty:

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when: the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test; parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author; the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved. Intellectual honesty requires that references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose. Plagiarism is an extremely serious offence.

Academic Accommodation:

Students with documented disabilities who require academic accommodations must register with the University's Disability Resources Centre and communicate their needs to the instructor as soon as possible and no later than 14 days after the start of this course.