

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code, Number, and Title:

PHIL 1140: Philosophy of Religion

Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 4 h + Seminar 0 h + Lab 0 h

Credits: 3

Transfer credit: For information, visit bctransferguide.ca

Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

This course investigates proofs for the existence of God, the intellectual ground of faith, the problems of evil and suffering, the mystical path, the connection between ethics and religion, the psychologizing of religion, religious pluralism, and recent claims by atheists that religious beliefs are not only mistaken but dangerous.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Read philosophical texts, including some from the 17th and 18th centuries, and be able to discuss their contents.
- Accurately summarise the views and arguments of major philosophers covered in the course readings.
- Demonstrate understanding of these views and arguments by writing essays that include criticism and evaluation of them.
- Write in a contemporary academic style that combines clarity and precision with simplicity and accessibility.

Instructor(s): TBA

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Textbook and Course Materials:

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

For textbook information, visit https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8

Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.

Assessments and Weighting:

Final Exam 30%

Other Assessments %

(An example of other assessments might be:) %

Assignments: 40%

Midterm Exam (2): 30%

Number of assignments: 5: 2 mid terms, 2 essays, and a final exam

Number and variety of writing assignments: 2 essays

Proportion of individual and group work:

Individual: 100%

Grading System: Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Passing grade: D (50%)

Topics Covered:

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

Month	Date	Topic	Readings
September	6	Introduction: What is religion?	
	11, 13	Proofs for the existence of God- ontological and cosmological arguments	RRB 5: 79-93, Grossman (iweb)
	18, 20	Proofs for the existence of God- teleological argument	RRB 5: 93-101, Paley (iweb)

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	25, 27	The connection between ethics and religion Midterm 1	RRB 5: 101-104, RRB 15 Adams (iweb)
October	2, 4	The problem of evil	RRB 9, Hume (iweb)
	9	Thanksgiving (no class)	
	11	Problem of evil Midterm 2	
	16, 18	Miracles	RRB 10, Hume (iweb), Wallace (iweb)
	23, 25	Religious experience Essay 1	RRB 3
November	30, 1	How are faith and reason related	RRB 4, 6
	6, 8	Science: friend or foe of religions	RRB 9, Plantiga (iweb)
	13	Remembrance day	
	15	Essay 2	
	20, 22	Evolutionary account of religion	Dennett (iweb), Henig (iweb)
December	27, 29	Review	

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

College Policies:

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

Departmental/Course Policies:

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