

**COURSE SYLLABUS
PHIL 2601A/RELI2738A
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Winter 2014: Mon-Wed, 6:00-7:20, Southam Hall 416**

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Course description:

This course introduces students to some classical and contemporary discussions in the field of Philosophy of Religion. It will explore topics such as the nature of religion, religious experience, faith and reason, religious language, religion and science, religious diversity, and religion and morality. We will also come to see ways in which feminist Philosophy of Religion challenges traditional Philosophy of Religion as a whole.

Learning Objectives:

The primary goal of the course is to provide an introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, including the examination of significant contemporary developments in the discipline. Weekly readings should help students to expand their ability to read challenging theoretical material and to begin to formulate their own ideas. The class lectures provide context, conceptual frameworks, and background material in order to help students explore more deeply key questions and underlying issues. The two quizzes assess comprehension of the material covered, while the two take-home exams provide the opportunity for students to synthesize their accrued understanding and to formulate this in an analytical, well-organized, written form.

Listed as PHIL 2601 and RELI 2738

Prerequisite(s): a course in philosophy or second-year standing.

Required text (available at Haven Books, 43 Seneca St., at corner of Sunnyside):
Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings, fourth edition, ed. Michael Peterson, William Hasker, Bruce Reichenbach and David Basinger (Oxford University Press, 2010)

cuLearn:

This course uses cuLearn, Carleton's learning management system. To access your courses on cuLearn go to carleton.ca/culearn. For help and support, go to carleton.ca/culearnsupport/students. Any unresolved questions can be directed to Computing and Communication Services (CCS) by phone at 613-520-3700 or via email at ccs_service_desk@carleton.ca.

Students will be fully responsible for reading and responding appropriately to all information distributed to students through the cuLearn Course Page.

PowerPoint slides used in lectures will typically be made available on cuLearn after class. Please note that slides are not a substitute for lectures and readings.

Evaluation (All assignments will be posted, and are to be submitted on, cuLearn):

1. Two short quizzes posted on cuLearn (10 % x 2). These will consist of brief reading responses to selected readings. They will be posted on a Monday and due Wednesday by midnight.
 - Due date for Quiz #1: Wednesday, January 29 by 11:59 pm on cuLearn.
 - Quiz #2: due Wednesday, March 19 by 11:59 pm on cuLearn.
2. Mid-term take-home exam (40%): posted February 14th, due February 24th by 11:59 pm on cuLearn.
3. Final take-home exam (40%) due by 11:59 pm Saturday, April 26^h on cuLearn.

N.B. Requests for extensions will be granted only if a doctor's note, or other relevant official documentation, is provided.

Weekly lecture and readings schedule:

Please note: this schedule is subject to change at my discretion. If there are any modifications I will notify you in class ahead of time.

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| 1. Introduction: Philosophy of Religion Reading: "Exploring the Philosophy of Religion," PR (<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>), 1-4 | Jan. 6 & 8 |
| 2. The Nature of Religion Reading: PR, 5-33 Questions: Study questions are included at the end of each selection in PR. | Jan. 13 & 15 |
| 3. Religious Experience Reading: PR, 35-85 | Jan. 20 & 22 |
| 4. Faith and Reason Reading: PR, 87-121 (Quiz # 1 due Jan. 29 by 11:59 pm on cuLearn) | Jan. 27 & 29 |
| 5. Arguments about God's Existence Reading: PR 163-28 | Feb. 3 & 5 |
| 6. The Problem of Evil Reading: PR 269-342 | Feb. 10 & 12 |

WINTER BREAK-----

- 7. Religious Language** Feb. 24 & 26
Reading: PR 385-425
Mid-term take-home due Feb. 24 by 11:59 pm on cuLearn
- 8. Miracles** Mar. 3 & 5
Reading: PR 427-460
- 9. Life after Death** Mar. 10 & 12
Reading: PR 461-507
- 10. Religion and Science** Mar. 17 & 19
(Quiz # 2 due March 19th by 11:59 pm on cuLearn)
Reading: 509-571
- 11. Religious Diversity** Mar. 24 & 26
Reading: PR 573-605
- 12. Religion and Morality** Mar. 31 & Apr. 2
Reading: PR 607-630
- 13. Last class/wrap-up lecture** April 7
- Final Take-Home due Saturday, April 26th by 11:59 pm on cuLearn.**

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2013-14)

Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name
- The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Term Work:

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://www4.carleton.ca/calendars//ugrad/current/regulations/academicuniv14.html#14.3>)

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Religious obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no

later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Important Dates:

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| Sept. 5 | Classes start (after Orientation events). |
| Sept. 18 | Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses. |
| Sept. 30 | Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses. |
| Oct. 14 | Thanksgiving Day – university closed. |
| Oct. 28 – Nov. 1 | Fall Break – no classes. |
| Nov. 25 | Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period. |
| Dec. 9 | Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses. |
| Dec. 9 | Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only). |
| Dec. 10 | No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced. |
| Dec. 11-22 | Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. |
| Dec. 22 | Take-home exams are due. |
| Jan. 6 | Winter term classes begin. |
| Jan. 17 | Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes. |
| Jan. 31 | Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses. |
| Feb. 17-21 | Winter Break, classes suspended. |
| Mar. 25 | Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period. |
| Apr. 8 | Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses. |
| Apr. 8 | Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only). |
| Apr. 9-10 | No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced. |
| Apr. 11-26 | Final Examinations. Exams will not be held Apr. 18-20. |
| Apr. 18 | Good Friday – university closed. |
| Apr. 26 | Take-home exams are due. |

Addresses:

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| Department of Philosophy: | 3A35 Paterson Hall www.carleton.ca/philosophy 520-2110 |
| Registrar's Office: | 300 Tory www.carleton.ca/registrar 520-3500 |
| Student Academic Success Centre: | 302 Tory www.carleton.ca/sasc 520-7850 |
| Writing Tutorial Service: | 4 th Floor, Library http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/ 520-6632 |
| MacOdrum Library | http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735 |