COURSE OUTLINE: PHIL 2601A / RELI 2738A
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Winter 2013: Mon-Wed, 2:35-3:55 PM, AT 302

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Course description: A philosophical examination of some characteristic concepts of religion, such as faith, hope, worship, revelation, miracle, God.

Listed as PHIL 2601 and RELI 2738. Precludes additional credit for RELI 2601.

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

Required text (available at the Carleton bookstore, or various places online):

WebCT:
Please note that this course will be supported by the WebCT Course Management System. *All correspondence with the professor regarding this course should be carried out through the WebCT e-mail system only.* A variety of resources will be made available through the WebCT site, including paper topics. You must activate your WebCT account by going to the following page: [http://webct.carleton.ca](http://webct.carleton.ca) and following the links from the “Student Resources” site on the left hand side.

Students will be fully responsible for reading and responding appropriately to all information distributed to students through the WebCT Course Page. Information provided on this page will be considered to have been provided to all registered students within 24 hours of posting.

Powerpoint slides will sometimes be used in lecture, and will typically be made available on WebCT after class. Please note that slides are *not* a substitute for lectures and readings.

Evaluation:

1. **Term work: two short papers (40%)**
   
   Note:
   
   - All assignments must be the result of an individual (i.e., non-collaborative) effort
   - All assignments must be submitted on WebCT.

   Two short papers will be due over the course of the semester. I will ask you to reconstruct and evaluate a short argument or passage from a philosophical text.
Papers should be two-three pages long, double-spaced and with standard (12-point) font and margins. Topics will be made available on WebCT two weeks before papers are due. Each paper will be worth 20% of your final grade, for a total of 40%.

2. Test (20%)
There will be an in-class, closed-book test mid-way through the semester, worth 20% of your final grade. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to the test, upon which you may write whatever you like.

3. Final exam (40%)
There will be a formally scheduled examination during final exam period, worth 40% of your final grade. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to the exam, upon which you may write whatever you like.

Some course policies:
1. Lateness penalties: Assignments will be penalized by one third of a grade per day for every day that they are late. For instance, an assignment marked B+ on its merits will be reduced to a B on the first day that it is late, and to a C- on the fifth day.

2. Extensions: Extensions may be granted only if requested at least 24 hours in advance and with a valid reason (e.g., medical reason). There will be no extensions granted for tests or exams.

3. Philosophy department and university policies: See final page of course outline.
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/acadregsv14.html#14.3

Academic Accommodation 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).

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