

5055 Santa Teresa Blvd Gilroy, CA 95020

Course Outline

Course: PHIL 6B Division: 10 Also Listed As:

Term Effective: 200950, INACTIVE COURSE

Short Title: PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

Full Title: Philosophy of Religions

Contact Hours/WeekUnitsNumber of WeeksTotal Contact HoursLecture: 3317.34Lecture: 52.02

Lab: 0 Lab: 0 Other: 0 Total: 3 Total: 52.02

Credit Status: D - Credit - Degree Applicable

Grading Modes: L - Standard Letter Grade

Repeatability: N - Course may not be repeated

Schedule Types: 02 - Lecture and/or discussion

## **Course Description:**

A reflective examination and analysis of the meanings and beliefs involved in religion and the religious experience. Introductory study of such topics as the nature and grounds of religious belief, relation between religion and ethics, nature and existence of god, problem of evil, and what can be learned from the religious experience. Additionally, the student will discuss the impact of religion on society, social norms, and the political impact of religion. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 1A.

## **ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION**

Associate Degree:

GAV C2, effective 200670 GAV E2, effective 200670

CSU GE:

CSU C2, effective 200670

IGETC:

IGETC 3B, effective 200670

**CSU TRANSFER:** 

Transferable CSU, effective 200670

UC TRANSFER:

Transferable UC, effective 200670

#### PREREQUISITES:

## **COREQUISITES:**

#### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Determine a religious thesis, its methodology, and means of transmission to community

ILO: 1.2.7.3

Measure: quizzes, exams, creative writing 2. compare different forms of the divine

ILO: 2, 4, 7

Measure: quizzes, exams, creative writing

3. Determine the components of a mystical experience versus a non-mystical yet spiritual experience, if any difference at all exists

ILO: 1,2,4, 5, 7

Measure: quizzes, creative writing, exams

4. Articulate religious language and its meaning in context

ILO: 1, 2, 7

Measure: quizzes, creative writing, exams

5. Determine the difference between faith and the logic of reason

ILO: 1, 3, 4, 7

Measure: quizzes, exams

## **TOPICS AND SCOPE:**

Inactive Course: 12/08/2008

3 Hours

Introduction to the topic of religion and philosophy.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: understanding philosophy and religion as

distinct subject matters.

HOMEWORK .: Essay on defining religion

6 Hours

Topic: Divine Reality, Chap. 1 of text.
STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:

The student will come to learn of the various forms of divine reality from the monotheistic, Absolute Brahman, the Vibrant Void, the Tao, Polytheism, Henotheism, Speculative metaphysics, and the like.

**HOMEWORK:** 

write a creative essay in which you design a cosmogony (creation) story of your own.

6 Hours

Arguments for a Divine Reality, Chap. 2. STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: the students will see how as humanity grew more "literate"

the arguments for divine existence rested on words and arguments stemming from logic.

HOMEWORK: students will develop an argument for the proof or disproof or agnostic evidence of the existence of a higher power using the tools from class.

6 Hours

Mystical Experience, chap 3.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: The

student will come to understand that the religious experience is not always explicable and often comes about while under the influence of a toxin or in a trance state.

HOMEWORK. Describe a personal mystical or magical experience.

3 Hours

Religion Debunked: Chap 4.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Students

will learn of the arguments given against religion and how religions around the globe have dealt with them

**HOMEWORK Test 1.** 

6 Hours

Existence of Evil: Chap 5.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Students

will discover the vast array of arguments given for the existence of evil in the world.

HOMEWORK: students will write a creative essay

describing modern versions of evil and an attempt to explain why it was possible to exist in the world untouched and unstopped.

3 Hours

Religious Language: Chap 6.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Students

will acquire a vast array of religious language used to describe everything from the traditionally holy to the profane. Test 2 to follow

6 Hours

Faith against Reason: Chap 7.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:

Students will begin to see how arguments for religion, particularly in the West have taken a particularly logically, earthly turn. They will read a vast amount of Mediaeval literature on the subject. IN Class Project: Trial of Galileo.

HOMEWORK: Try to discern whether they argue

things based on faith (emotion) or reason (logic) in general. It is a creative writing assignment.

6 Hours

Religion and Ethics: Chap 8:

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Students

will see how ethics and religion work hand and hand. They will use this time to go through a variety of ethical arguments, e.g. deontology and utilitarianism, along with egoism and determine how these arguments can be brought forth from the theorists religious standpoint. Class Project: Darwin on Trial. and Cloning on Trial. Test 3 after this

6 Hours

Personal Destiny: Chap 9:

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Students

will investigate arguments into whether their existence is pre-planned

or they have free will.

HOMEWORK: creative writing assignment on their

position on the matter

3 Hours

Religious Pluralism: Chap 10:

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:

Students will see how many countries have religious pluralism and live in harmony while other countries and religions ask for devotion toward

one faith.

HOMEWORK: creative writing assignment on tolerance.

2 Hours Final Exam

Included in content section.

### METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture/seminar, student presentations/projects, Socratic dialogue, creative essays, weekly quizzes.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

The types of writing assignments required:

Written homework Essay exams

The problem-solving assignments required:

Quizzes Exams

Other: creative writing projects

The types of skill demonstrations required:

Other: mock trials

The types of objective examinations used in the course:

True/false

Other: short answers Other category: creative projects

The basis for assigning students grades in the course:

Writing assignments: 35% - 50%
Problem-solving demonstrations: 35% - 50%
Skill demonstrations: 5% - 10%
Objective examinations: 15% - 20%
Other methods of evaluation: 5% - 20%

# REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:

Phillips, "Globalism in Philosophy of Religions", Harcourt Brace,

(2000), or other appropriate college level text.

Reading level of text: 13/14 grade. Verified by: emh

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:**

Basic Skills: N Classification: A Noncredit Category: Y Cooperative Education:

Program Status: 1 Program Applicable

Special Class Status: N

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CAN Sequence:

CSU Crosswalk Course Department: PHIL CSU Crosswalk Course Number: 6B

Prior to College Level: Y Non Credit Enhanced Funding: N Funding Agency Code: Y

In-Service: N

Occupational Course: E

Maximum Hours: Minimum Hours:

Course Control Number: CCC000244104 Sports/Physical Education Course: N Taxonomy of Program: 150900