

PHIL 2090: Philosophy of Religion
York University

Course description

From the course catalog: "Does God exist? Can religious belief be explained away? What is the relationship between faith and reason? Through a selection of classic readings, this course provides a survey of some central topics in the philosophy of religion."

This course will be taught as an introduction to the philosophy of religion with no previous knowledge of topics or debates required. Topics with which we will engage include: the nature of God (with a related discussion of the problem of evil), arguments for the existence of God (with critiques of those arguments), the relationship between faith and reason, and the role of religiosity in ethics.

The primary objectives of this course are that [1] students leave with a general competency in the philosophy of religion; [2] students be able to understand, synthesize, and respond thoughtfully to texts; [3] students are better able to engage with ongoing debates in the philosophy of religion, demonstrating the ability to read carefully and represent charitably positions with which they agree or disagree; and [4] students develop an awareness of and appreciation for the relationship between theory and application.