

# PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

## PE310/510 Christian World View (4 cps)

Offered: Odd years

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: John McClean

Modules: PE310/510/CWV/2hpw/JMcC  
PE310/510/CWV/1hpw/TBA

Description: This unit seeks to develop an understanding of worldviews, and in particular the Christian worldview and its application in a variety of areas. It examines the nature and functions of a worldview and the history of reflection on worldviews. It examines issues involved in the development of a Christian worldview from Scripture, including the place of Christian scholarship. Students are encouraged to apply a Christian worldview to areas of personal interest.

Method: Class instruction, participation in and presentation of class seminars, reading and assignments.

Assessment: 310: 2000 word essay, 1000 word class paper, project applying a Christian worldview

510: 3000 word essay, 1000 word class paper, project applying a Christian worldview.

Textbooks: Required

J. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, IVP, 4th ed. 2004

J. Sire, *Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept*, IVP, 2004

C. Plantinga, *Engaging God's World: A Christian Vision of Faith, Learning, and Living*, Eerdmans, 2005

Recommended

D. Naugle, *Worldview: The History of a Concept*, Eerdmans, 2002.

B.J. Walsh & J.R. Middleton *The Transforming Vision*, IVP, 1984

B.J. Walsh & J.R. Middleton *The Truth is Stranger than it used to be*, IVP, 1995

D.A. Carson and J.D. Woodbridge (eds) *God and Culture*, Eerdmans/Paternoster; 1993.

A.M. Wolters, *Creation Regained*, IVP, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2005

M.S. Horton, *Where in the World is the Church? : a Christian View of Culture and your Role in it*, P&R Publishing, 2002 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.  
 J. Frame, *Apologetics to the Glory of God*, P&R 1994  
 W. Edgar, *William Reasons of the Heart*, P&R 2003  
 J. E. Taylor, *Introducing Apologetics: Cultivating Christian Commitment*, Baker Academic, 2006  
 G. McGrath and W. C. Campbell-Jack (eds) *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, IVP, 2006

## **PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 or 4 cps)**

Offered: Every year

Semester: Second

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 2 cps 80 hrs  
 4 cps 160 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: David Burke

Modules: PE325/525/Philosophy/2hpw/DB  
 PE325/525(4 cps only)/Philosophy/1hpw/DB

Description: This unit surveys the development of Western thought and introduces students to the major philosophical concerns of that tradition. It provides important background for understanding theology as well as encouraging students to think critically.

Method: Classroom instruction, reading and assignments.

Assessment: 325: One 2000 word essay (40%), one take home exam (60%).  
 525: One 2000 word essay (40%), one 1000 word response to reading (20%), one take home exam (40%).

Textbooks: Required  
 G. E. Ganssle, *Thinking About God First Steps in Philosophy*, IVP 2004  
 W. Andrew Hoffecker (ed) *Revolutions in Worldview: Understanding the Flow of Western Thought*, P&R Publishing, 2007

Recommended  
 D. Allen, *Philosophy for Understanding Theology*, SCM, 1985  
 C. Brown, *Philosophy and the Christian Faith*, IVP, 1973  
 C. S. Evans, *Philosophy of Religion: Thinking about Faith*, IVP, 1982  
 D.J. Hill & R. D. Rauser, *Christian Philosophy A-Z*, Edinburgh University Press, 2006.

## **PE402/602 Theological Ethics (4 cps)**

Offered: Odd years

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: John McClean

Modules: PE402/602/Ethics/3hpw/JMcC

Conditions: Prerequisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units and two theology units at 400 level or higher, one of which may be, PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 cps) a corequisite.

Description: This unit examines the theological foundations for the task of ethics, assists students to develop a biblical and theological ethical approach and examines a range of current ethical issues.

Method: Class instruction, assigned reading, assignment, participation in and presentation of class seminars.

Assessment: 402: One 1.5 hour exam, one 1000 word summary of a Christian ethical thinker, one 2000 word essay on ethical issue.

602: One 1.5-hour exam, one 2000 word book review, one 2500 word essay on ethical issue.

Textbooks: Required

S.J. Grenz, *The Moral Quest*, IVP, 1997

M. Hill, *The How and Why of Love: an Introduction to Evangelical Ethics*. Matthias Media, 2002

Recommended

O. O'Donovan, *Resurrection and Moral Order: An Outline for Evangelical Ethics*, IVP, 1986

P. Vardy & P. Grosch, *The Puzzle of Ethics*, Fount Paperbacks, 1999

D.J. Atkinson & D.H. Field (eds), *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology*, IVP, 1995

C.J.H. Wright, *Old Testament ethics for the people of God*, IVP, 2004.

G. H. Stassen & D. P. Gushee, *Kingdom ethic: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context*, IVP, 2002

R. Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*, T&T Clark, 1996

**PE489/689 Philosophy Seminar: Homiletics – Preaching  
Different Biblical Genres**

See under Evangelism and Mission units EM775

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