

PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY AND APOLOGETICS (PR)

PR 5600 Christian Faith and Contemporary Challenges - 2 Hours

An introduction to some intellectual challenges to the Christian worldview and how biblically and theologically responsible Christians might respond to such challenges. Consideration is given to the central themes shaping the Christian faith, contrasting them with themes in other worldviews; to the relation between faith and reason in dealing with intellectual questions; and to some basic logical principles and concepts which are important both for doing theology and responding to critiques of Christian claims. Several specific intellectual challenges to the Christian faith (e.g., the existence of God, the problem of evil/suffering, faith and science, the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and religious pluralism) are examined, and possible Christian responses to them are developed.

PR 6000 Current Studies in Philosophy of Religion - 1-4 Hours

Topics selected deal with significant issues related to philosophy of religion.

PR 6410 History of Phil of Religion I - 3 Hours

This course covers ancient and medieval philosophy of religion and ends with discussion of the rationalists Descartes, Spinoza, and, Leibniz.

PR 6411 History of Phil of Religion II - 3 Hours

This course begins with study in the early modern period with the empiricists (Locke, Berkeley, and Hume) and continues with an examination of the contemporary period.

PR 7220 Ethical Theory - 3 Hours

An analysis of the principal theories and problems of philosophical ethics, including the meaning of ethical language, alternative theories of the right and the good, and the implications of moral issues for the concept of God and other theological questions.

PR 7330 Philosophers of Religion and of Religious Significance - 3-4 Hours

In-depth consideration of the philosophy of an important religious thinker such as Augustine, Aquinas, Kierkegaard, Tillich, and Hartshorne, or of an important nonreligious thinker such as Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Leibniz, Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, Russell, or Wittgenstein, whose thought strongly influenced religious and theological issues. May be repeated for credit.

PR 7480 MA Major Paper - 0-2 Hours

Participants in MA programs requiring a capstone integrative paper register for this course (MA/ICS). Specific paper requirements should be obtained from the department. Counts as half-time academic status. Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as required by the program.

PR 7485 MA Thesis - 0-3 Hours

MA thesis writers register for PR 7485 in the department of their concentration. Prerequisite: Approved thesis proposal on file in the Dean's Office and other department-specific prerequisites. Counts as full-time academic status. (35 hours of academic work per week.) Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as arranged with the department. No grade is posted for this course until the thesis is completed and approved.

PR 7486 MA Thesis Extension - 0 Hours

A total of three semesters extension for PR 7485 may be granted when progress is being made on the thesis. Extension fee when not enrolled in other courses. Counts as full-time academic status (35 hours of academic work per week.) for the first semester, quarter time thereafter. CR is posted when substantive thesis progress is made, NC when inadequate progress is made.

PR 7501 Guided Research - 1-4 Hours

Independent research on an approved selected topic under a faculty member in the department bearing the course prefix. May be repeated for credit as the subject matter changes. Available in all departments. Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as arranged with faculty member.

PR 7625 Analytic Philosophy - 3-4 Hours

Examination of the main streams of thought arising out of Wittgenstein, including Russell, Ayer, Wisdom, Ramsey, and others as they bear on current issues in philosophy of religion. Offered alternate years.

PR 7630 Existentialism - 2 Hours

Comparative study of the religious thought of the principle existentialist philosophers, including Dostoyevsky, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Jaspers, Heidegger, and Sartre.

PR 7705 Religious Epistemology - 3-4 Hours

Examination of the ways of knowing and tests for truth with special emphasis on the problems of religious knowledge and their implications for theological issues.

PR 7715 Theism - 3-4 Hours

Study in the existence and nature of God with emphasis on theistic arguments (ontological, cosmological, teleological, and moral) and on the internal coherence of such divine attributes as necessity, omnipotence, and omniscience.

PR 7750 Philosophical Issues in Religious Pluralism - 3-4 Hours

Consideration of the major epistemological and metaphysical issues for philosophy of religion arising from the discussions on religious diversity and religious pluralism. The views of influential philosophers such as John Hick, William Alston, Keith Ward, and others are examined, as well as responses to their work.

PR 7975 MA/ThM Comp Exam Prep - 0 Hours

An optional registration status for students preparing for their Major Comprehensive Exam and who are not taking other courses during the semester of preparation. This registration ensures continuity in your TEDS program and defers continuation fees. Available for only two semesters during which student must complete Comprehensive Exams or their academic status in the program will be jeopardized. Counts as quarter-time academic status. Contact the Records Office for registration.

PR 7976 MA or ThM Thesis Proposal Prep - 0 Hours

An optional registration status for students preparing for their Thesis Proposal and who are not taking other courses during the semester of preparation. (May not be taken when another course is taken.) This registration ensures continuity in your TEDS program and defers continuation fees. Available for only one semester during which students must complete their Proposal or their academic status in the program will be jeopardized. Counts as quarter-time academic status.

PR 7980 MA Major Research Paper - 0-1 Hours

MA participants completing the two capstone research paper option must register for PR 7980 in their department concurrent with registration for the advanced elective course in which they are writing a MA capstone research paper (MA/PR). Paper parameters are found in the Academic Handbook and paper objectives are specifically articulated in consultation with the faculty member on the online Capstone Proposal Form. Registration occurs twice at the same time as registration for the course, once for each paper. Credit / No Credit. (Both the course and the paper must be graded C- or better to receive credit for the paper.)

PR 8000 Seminar: Current Issues - 2-4 Hours

Analyses of selected issues in philosophy of religion and their implications for Christian thought. Examples include the following: questions concerning the concept of God, the nature and possibility of the miraculous, freedom and determinism, religion and science, phenomenology, and the historicity of the resurrection of Christ.