

University of Guelph  
PHIL 2130-01: Philosophy of Religion  
Fall 2010  
LEC Mon, Wed, Fri 12:30-13:20  
MACK 031

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The purpose of this course is to examine the basic underlying philosophical issues that permeate religion. This will not be a general survey of world religions, but rather an in-depth analysis of some of the major themes that unify the plurality of religions. The main themes we will be addressing in this course, as found in the course text, are: the varieties of the religious experience, religion and life, religion and human destiny, arguments for God's existence, the problem of evil, faith and reason, and religious language. Students are cautioned that some of the content of this course may be unsettling to their personal beliefs.

**Course Text:**

Exploring the Philosophy of Religion, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. Ed. David Stewart. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall Ltd, 2010. ISBN 978-0-205-64519-0

**Course Evaluation:**

Take home Midterm#1	1000 words	20%
Take home Midterm#2	1500 words	30%
Final Exam	Essay question(s)	50%

## **SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS**

### **E-mail Communication**

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

### **When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...**

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

### **Drop Date**

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2010 courses, without academic penalty, is **Thursday November 4**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar:  
<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

### **Copies of out-of-class assignments**

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

### **Academic Misconduct**

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

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### **Recording of Materials**

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

### **Resources**

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<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>