

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE: PH 2900 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
COURSE OUTLINE:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

General topics in the Philosophy of Religion; selections from the following will be studied: The concept of 'religion', the relations between Philosophy and Religion, arguments for and against the existence of God, meaning and intelligibility in religious language, religion and morality, religion and 'the meaning of life', implication of the study of religion in the social sciences.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Introduce students to some of the basic issues in the philosophy of religion;
2. Improve student's ability to read and write analytically;
3. Improve student's ability to present strong argument; and,
4. Encourage student's interest in original and creative thought.

TEXT:

Peterson, M., et al, Reason & Religious Belief. Oxford, 1991

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Three 1,200-1,500 word essays each of which is worth 20% of the course grade.
2. A three hour final exam worth 30% of the course grade.
3. Class participation, improvement, attentiveness, etc. is worth 10% of the course grade.