

## COURSE OUTLINE

### PH 357: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

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**Text:** Hick, John ed., Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion, Prentice Hall, 2nd ed.

**Optional Text:** Rowe, William L., Philosophy of Religion, Wadsworth.

**Assignments:** Three 1,000 - 1,200 word essays each of which is worth 25% of the final grade.  
Final exam (taken during final exam week) worth 25% of the final grade.

#### 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.

#### Grading Criteria:

Though marks are based primarily on philosophical merit, an essay will be penalized for errors in grammar. It is conceivable that an essay could receive a failing mark if it contains copious grammatical errors.

**Re-Write Policy:** The first essay that you write may be re-written as often as you wish to improve both your ability to write a philosophy essay and your mark. The re-write privilege will be suspended if the essay is handed in late.

#### Schedule:

The following topics will be covered in turn:

1. The Theistic Arguments
2. Religious Experience, Faith, Revelation, and Miracle
3. The Problem of Evil
4. Human Destiny
5. Religious Language