Course Title: PHILO 7534; Christian Faith, Knowledge, and Science
Class Dates and Time: WF, 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Room: TBA
Professor: William A. Dembski

COURSE DESCRIPTION An examination of the key approaches to epistemology, with special reference to the knowledge of God. Modern scientific method and theory will be examined, with attention to issues which impact the Christian faith (such as cosmology, creation, and miracles). Four hours.

COURSE GOALS This seminar attempts to make sense of the scientific enterprise in light of the Christian Faith. Of special interest here is the use to which science has been put in undermining the Christian faith by furthering a materialistic worldview.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES In this course the student will:

- Achieve proficiency in thinking, speaking, and writing effectively and professionally within a Christian worldview on the role of science in relation to Christian faith.
- Be able to summarize the main scientific challenges to the Christian faith.
- Achieve a basic understanding of the history and philosophy of science.

COURSE TEXTS

Required


Recommended


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Active participation in class discussions — 20 percent.
2. 1,500- to 2,000-word critical review along with leading a class discussion based on it — 30 percent. Due at time of presentation.
3. 6,000- to 8,000-word research paper — 50 percent. The paper can be on a topic of your choice, but it must be relevant to this course and argue a thesis. The word count excludes notes and bibliography. The paper needs to follow a consistent style and provide full references. Due last day of class.
4. Single-page executive summary of YOU (with embedded picture) — minus 5 percent if not handed in. Due second week of class.

**GRADES**

Grades will be determined by the following scale: 100-98 (A+); 97-93 = A; 92-90 (A-); 89-88 (B+); 87-83 (B); 82-80 (B-); 79-78 (C+); 77-73 (C); 72-70 (C-); 69-68 (D+); 67-63 (D); 62-60 (D-); Below 60 = F.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's work as one's own. When the professor concludes that a student has plagiarized an assignment, the student will receive the grade of zero for the assignment, and the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will be notified about the incident. The same actions apply to other acts of academic dishonesty such as cheating on examinations (see Ethical Conduct section in SWBTS catalog).

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Individuals with documented impairments who may need special circumstances for exams, classroom participation, or assignments should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester in order for special arrangements to be considered.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

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