I. Course Title: Philosophy of Religion

II. Course Prefix/Number: PHIL 203

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: Examination of the classical issues of religious thought, such as the existence of God, problem of evil, nature of religious language, life after death, and the pluralism of religious traditions.

VI. Curricular Relationships: This course is part of the elective block for the philosophy minor and the religious studies minor.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes: Through four essay exams and a series of reading quizzes, students will:
1. demonstrate an understanding of the core issues in philosophy of religion.
2. demonstrate the ability to analyze and evaluate philosophical arguments.
3. demonstrate the ability to think and write critically and clearly concerning complex issues.
4. demonstrate the ability to express ideas and critically evaluate the ideas of others in a constructive way.
5. Demonstrate the knowledge of and ability to use the basic vocabulary of the subject.

VIII. Content Outline:

Unit 1: Arguments for the Existence of God
Unit 2: Reason and Belief in God
Unit 3: God and Human Suffering
Unit 4: Critiques of Religion
Unit 5: Philosophical Theology

IX. Course Procedures: Through twelve pop quizzes of which the student’s lowest two will be dropped, three tests, and one final, students will evidence their developing ability to construct and evaluate arguments.
Grading Scale:

Available Points:
- 3 Tests 100 pts. each 300
- 10 quizzes 10 pts. each 100
- 1 Final 100 pts. 100

Total Course Points: 500

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X. Required/Recommended Readings: A comprehensive introductory philosophy of religion text, the following is suggested:

Kelly James Clark, *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: N/A

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: N/A

XIII Syllabus Statement Regarding Course Adaptations or Accommodations:

Should the student require course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, the student shall provide the instructor with the appropriate documentation as specified by applicable law and institutional policy.

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