

# HU 221C - Introduction to Philosophy

## SYLLABUS

3 Hour Course

### Objectives

By taking this course the student will:

1. Become familiar with philosophers and their philosophies.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophical foundations of Christian theism.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking in understanding the philosophical basis for contemporary thought and how it contrasts with biblical Christianity.
4. Demonstrate the ability to articulate philosophical/ biblical Christianity both verbally and in writing.
5. Conduct research in the field of philosophy.

### Materials

The following books are required for this course:

*Introduction to Philosophy: A Christian Perspective*  
Norman Geisler & Paul D. Feinberg, Baker Book House, 1987  
ISBN: 0801038189

*Philosophy of Religion: Thinking About Faith*  
Stephen C. Evans, Intervarsity Press, 1985  
ISBN: 0877843430

*Your Mind Matters: The Place of the Mind in the Christian Life*  
John R. Stott, InterVarsity Press, 1973  
ISBN: 0830834087

*A Pocket Style Manual*. 5th edition  
Hacker, Diana. Boston, MA: Bedford/ St. Martins, 2008  
ISBN: 0312452756

### Learning Experiences

1. Reading the textbooks
2. Completing an exam
3. Writing two applied learning papers
4. Writing two book reports

## Grading

Grades will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Exam	10%
Applied Learning Papers	20%
Book Reports	20%
Reading/Questions	50%

## Selected Bibliography

Aquinas, Thomas, *On the Methods and Divisions of Philosophy*

Aristotle, *Categories*

Augustine, *Against the Academicians*

Austin, John, *The Province of Jurisprudence Determined*

Ayer, A. J., *Language, Truth and Logic*

Barker, Stephen, *The Elements of Logic*

Barnette, Henlee H., *Introducing Christian Ethics*

Berkeley, George, *The Principles of Human Knowledge*

Carnell, E. J., *An Introduction to Christian Apologetics*

Chafer, Lewis S., *Systematic Theology, 7 vols.*

Clark, Gordon H., *Reason, Religion, and Revelation*

Descartes, Rene, *Meditations on First Philosophy*

Geisler, Norman, and Feinberg, Paul, *Introduction to Philosophy*

Geisler, Norman, *Christian Ethics: Options and Issues*

Heidegger, Martin, *What is Metaphysics?*

James, William, *What is Pragmatism?*

Lewis, C. S., *The Abolition of Man*

McDowell, Josh, *Evidence that Demands a Verdict, 2 vols.*

Mill, John Stuart, *A System of Logic*

Montague, William Pepperell, *The Ways of Knowing*

Murray, John, *Principles of Conduct*

Pollock, John, *Knowledge and Justification*

Ramsey, Paul, *Deeds and Rules in Christian Ethics*

Ross, David, *The Right and the Good*

Ryrie, Charles. *Basic Theology*

Spinoza, Benedict, *Ethics*

Strong, A. H., *Systematic Theology*

Thiessen, Henry, *Lectures in Systematic Theology*

Titus, Harold, *Living Issues in Philosophy*

Unger, Peter, *Ignorance*

Woods, B. W., *Understanding Suffering*

Young, Warren C., *A Christian Approach to Philosophy*