

PHILOSOPHY - GRADUATE (TTPH)

Objectives

Part of the task of Christian leadership involves skilled thinking and the ability to clearly articulate to a modern culture the reasons for belief in the Christian faith. It is critical to grasp the underlying philosophical ideas that continue to shape contemporary culture. For this reason, a specialty in philosophy is crucial for defending the claims of Christianity in advancing a Christian Worldview.

Courses

TTPH 523 - Metaphysics I Credits 3

A topical study of the nature and methodology of metaphysics with emphasis on the nature and ultimate categories of being as well as specific areas (e.g. causation, space and time, the soul, freedom and determinism, personal identity, and essentialism). Special emphasis will be placed on integrating metaphysics with the construction and defense of a Christian worldview. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, Junior Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

TTPH 524 - Metaphysics II Credits 3

A topical study of important selected themes and persons in the field of metaphysics. Emphasis will be placed on current tensions between Christian theism and various metaphysical positions and on key past and present figures in metaphysics. **Note(s):** Elective; may be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

TTPH 544 - Epistemology I Credits 3

A topical study in the definition of knowledge and justified belief, problems in skepticism, the nature of epistemic justification and the nature of truth. Application will be made to special epistemological issues in religion, e.g., religious experience, miracles, inerrancy, burden of proof issues. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, Junior Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

TTPH 545 - Epistemology II Credits 3

A conceptual analysis and philosophical evaluation of important contemporary issues in epistemology. Special emphasis will be placed on the role that key current and past figures have played in formulating these issues. An application of epistemological themes will be made to the concerns of religious epistemology. **Note(s):** Elective; may be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

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TTPH 547 - The Theology and Philosophy of Science Credits 3

A study of various issues that arise in the integration of science and orthodox Christian theology (e.g. models of integration, the scientific status of creationism, the creation/evolution debate) as well as an investigation of selected topics in philosophy of science relevant to a Christian worldview (e.g., the realist/antirealist debate, the nature, formation, use, and confirmation of scientific laws and theories, scientism and the limits of science). **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

TTPH 566 - History and Normative Systems of Ethics Credits 3

A survey and evaluation of various ethicists and their systems from within a Christian framework. Emphasis will be placed on Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, the utilitarians and Kant, and a study of various issues in metaethics and normative ethics, as well as an investigation of ethical decision-making and case studies. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

TTPH 602 - Apologetics Credits 3

An examination of the Christian worldview and the various Christian apologetic responses in relation to the areas of history, science, and philosophy. **Note(s):** Option within the Master of Arts (Theology); option within the Master of Divinity (Spiritual Formation) for two of five course selections; option within the Master of Divinity (Pastoral and General Ministries and Christian Education) for two of four course selections; option within the Master of Divinity (Evangelism and Discipleship) for one of four course selections; option within the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Leadership (Ministry Leadership) for two of seven course selections; elective for Master of Arts (Philosophy) students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, Sophomore Class, Junior Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

TTPH 624 - Ethical Issues I Credits 3

A study of various topics currently being debated in ethics, e.g., abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, infanticide, surrogate motherhood, business ethics, environmental issues, etc. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

TTPH 625 - Ethical Issues II Credits 3

An in-depth study of one specific issue currently being debated in business, medical and/or social ethics. **Note(s):** Elective; may be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

TTPH 667 - Philosophy of the Mind Credits 3

A study and defense of the existence and nature of the soul, the reality of disembodied existence, the nature of human action, and issues in personal identity. Various models of human nature will be investigated (dualism, behaviorism, functionalism, the identity thesis, eliminative materialism), as well as their implications or ethics. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

TTPH 684 - Philosophy of Religion Credits 3

An investigation of the arguments for and against the existence of God, faith and reason, the use of religious language, and the philosophical clarification and defense of the attributes of the God of Scripture.

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Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

TTPH 685 - Philosophical Theology Credits 3

A philosophical analysis of important doctrines of the Christian faith, e.g., freedom and determinism, the incarnation and the coherence of theism. Special emphasis will be placed on the concept of the attributes of God, on philosophical prolegomena to the practice of theology, and on religious pluralism. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

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TTPH 730 - Directed Study

Credits 1-4

Reading and research in selected areas of philosophy of religion and ethics. **Note(s):** Elective; may be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

TTPH 735 - Seminar

Credits 1-3

Selected topics in the fields of philosophy, apologetics and ethics.

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Grade Mode: A.

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