



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: PHL213NT - The Worldview Seminar

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

The Worldview Seminar covers Christian and non-Christian worldviews from a biblical-philosophical perspective. The course enables students to appraise their lives and disciplines within the framework of a Christian worldview, and it teaches students how to interact gracefully with non-Christian worldviews.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*
1	Explain the concept and function of a "worldview."	2
2	Describe the fundamental elements of a holistic Christian worldview.	2
3	Identify the connection between worldview, values, and behavior.	2
4	Demonstrate the connection between a worldview and epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, and axiology.	3
5	Compare and contrast the key presuppositions that underlie different worldviews.	4
6	Defend biblical Christianity as a full-orbed, integrated worldview in light of a temporal/eternal, fact/value, public/private, secular/spiritual dichotomy.	5

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

This course is designed to define, develop, and defend a biblical worldview and to compare/contrast it with competing worldviews. Students will explore the elements that make up a holistic Christian worldview and recognize how this worldview impacts what a Christian values and how a Christian behaves. Students will also learn to recognize the consequences of non-Christian worldviews.

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Required Media:

Pearcey, N. (2008). *Total truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*.. Crossway. ISBN-13: 9781433502200. Paper

Ryken,P. (2013). *Christian Worldview: A Student's Guide*.. Crossway. ISBN-13: 9781433535406 . Paper

Sire, J. (2020). *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog, 6th Ed.* InterVarsity. ISBN-13: 9780830849383. Paper

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Quizzes (8) - 25 pts. each	160
Essays (11 @ 40 pts. each and 2 @ 100 pts. each)	640
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 1
2. Wax, “An Introduction to a Christian Worldview,” *Christian Worldview Handbook*, pp. 20-26.
3. Weber, “What is a Worldview” Video
4. Ryken, *Christian Worldview: A Student’s Guide*, ch. 1-2
5. Weber, “Why Does a Christian Worldview Matter” Video
6. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 1
7. MacArthur, “Embracing the Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture,” *Think Biblically: Recovering a Christian Worldview*, pp. 7-21
8. Wellum, “Biblical Authority,” *Christian Worldview Handbook*, 45-47
9. Weber, “Worldview and Scripture” Video
10. Pearcey, “Introduction,” *Total Truth*, pp. 17-24

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Quiz 1
2. Assihnment1-2 Worldview Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. 1-3 Word and Worldview Essay - See Instructions in the course.
4. Wk1=DB - See Instructions in the course.>/li>

Week 2

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 2 Video
2. Weber, “Christian Worldview and Creation” Video
3. Ryken, *Christian Worldview: A Student’s Guide*, ch. 3
4. Weber, “The Extent of a Christian Worldview” Video
5. Pearcey, *Total Truth*, ch 1-2

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Quiz 2
2. Assignment 2-2 Chief End of Man Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Assignment 2-3 Integrated Worldview Essay - See Instructions in the course.
4. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

Week 3

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 3 Video
2. Mohler, “The Way the World Thinks” (excerpt)
3. Ryken, *Christian Worldview: A Student’s Guide*, ch. 4
4. Weber, “Christian Worldview and the Fall” Video
5. Pearcey, *Total Truth*, ch 3-4

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Quiz 3
2. Assignment 3-2 The Fall Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

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Week 4

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 4 Video
2. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 2
3. Ryken, *Christian Worldview: A Student's Guide*, ch 5-6
4. Weber, "Christian Worldview and Redemption" Video
5. Weber, "Christian Theism" Video
6. Sproul, "Loving God with Our Minds"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Quiz 4
2. Assignment 4-2 God and the Universe in Christian Theism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Assignment 4-3 Loving God with Our Minds Essay - See Instructions in the course.
4. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

Week 5

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 5 Video
2. Weber, "Background to Naturalism and Deism" Video
3. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 3-4
4. Pearcey, *Total Truth*, ch. 5
5. Weber, "Deism" Video
6. Weber, "Naturalism" Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Quiz 5
2. Assignment 5-2 Deism and Theism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Assignment 5-3 Deism to Naturalism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
4. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

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Week 6

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 6 Video
2. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 5
3. Weber, “Introduction to Nihilism” Video
4. Weber, “Nihilism, Truth, and Morality” Video
5. Weber, “Atheistic Existentialism” Video
6. Weber, “Theistic Existentialism” Video
7. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 6
8. Pearcey, *Total Truth*, ch. 6

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Quiz 6
2. Assignment 6-2 Naturalism to Nihilism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Assignment 6-3 Nihilism to Existentialism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
4. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

Week 7

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 7 Video
2. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 9
3. Pearcey, *Total Truth*, ch. 7-8

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Quiz 7
2. Assignment 7-2 Postmodernism Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Wk7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.

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Week 8

Media:

1. Welcome Video – Week 8 Video
2. Boa, “Can We Trust God,” in *Conformed To His Image*, ch. 5
3. Boa, “Holistic Spirituality: An Integrated Life,” in *Conformed To His Image*, ch. 18
4. Sshaeffer, “The Supernatural Universe,” in *True Spirituality*, ch. 5
5. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*, ch. 11

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Quiz 8
2. Assignment 8-2 Presuppositions, Perspective, Priorities, and Practice Essay - See Instructions in the course.
3. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course.