

OXFORD COLLEGE
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Philosophy 382R
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The purpose of this course is to engage in philosophical reflection on the concepts and problems of religion. We will discuss the writings of a number of philosophers exploring such issues as the existence of God, the problem of evil, immortality, religious experience, religious pluralism, and the conflict between religion and modern science. Since this is a philosophy course, we will pay special attention to the role of reason in explicating and judging the claims of religion. Class time will be primarily discussion oriented, so preparation (i.e., reading) is essential to be an active and intelligent participant.

TEXTS:

John Hick, editor, Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion
Simone Weil, Waiting for God

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Three essays – 3-4pp. – 10% each.
2. Three open book exams – two during semester – 20% each – and final – 15%.
3. Class participation – 15%. No more than two absences are permitted without a negative effect on the grade (see reverse).