

Philosophy of Religion (PHI 341) Sims Hall 337 M/W 2:15-3:35			Office Hours: Catch me after class or by appointment (I'm easy)
Office: 531 Hall of Lang Phone: use email		Heller	e-mail heller@syr.edu
Texts	Pojman&Rea, <i>Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology</i> Plus, articles posted on Blackboard.		
Written Assignments	Two (or possibly three) take-home exams and one term paper There is no final exam scheduled at this time, but I reserve the right to add a take-home final (if I feel the need to test you on the last section of the course).		
	All assignments should be submitted by e-mail	Take-home exams: approximately 5-6 pages, typed, double spaced, with page numbers. Mostly exegetical, but you will also be asked to make a philosophical point. Exams Due: after units 1 and 4. For each exam you will have one week from the day I assign it to the day you must turn it in.	
		Term paper: approximately ten pages, typed, double spaced, with page numbers. ---- It will be on a topic of your choice, so long as the topic grows out of material we've covered in class. Term Paper Due by email: Fri Dec 16th 11:59pm.	
Attendance:	Attendance is expected, and failure to attend will negatively affect your grade.		
--Academic Policies: https://academicaffairs.syracuse.edu/important-syllabus-reminders/ --SU Academic Integrity: https://class.syr.edu/academic-integrity/policy/?_gl=1*bcbcap*_ga*NjEyNTg4Nzk4LjE2NTAxOTYxNTQ.*_ga_QT13NN6N9S*MTY2MTEwMTI4NC4xMTcuMC4xNjYxMTAxMjg0LjYwLjAuMA.. --Heller addition: I assume there will be no cheating, but if there is, any cheaters will fail the class and be reported to the academic integrity office. Please note: Internet sources should be used minimally or not at all. If they are used, they must be properly cited. If you feel the need to learn more by searching the web, please discuss it with me.			

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

The page numbers below refer to the Pojman&Rea anthology.

1	Pascal's Wager, 572-573
	Unit 1: Args for God
2	Causal Argument: Aquinas, 164-165 (stop at the end of the discussion of the "the second way") Note: We will also discuss parts of Craig and Moreland, 177-189, and Draper, 189-195, but I don't encourage you to read them.
3	Ontological Argument: Anselm, 155-158
4	Modal Ontological Argument: Plantinga on Blackboard
5	Modal Ontological Argument, further discussion.
6	Teleological Argument: Paley: 198-200
7	Fine Tuning Argument: van Inwagen on Blackboard
8	Fine Tuning Argument, further discussion
	Unit 2: Morality and Interpretation
9	Morality: Plato on Blackboard
10	Interpreting Morality: Sartre on Blackboard
11	Interpreting Miracles: Hume, 460-463 (only read part 1)
	Unit 3: Time
	God outside of time: McCann, 90-93, 96-99 (Read only parts 1 & 3)
12	Omniscience and Freedom: Augustine, 110-112, and Pike, 113-117 (stop at the end of part 1)
	Unit 4: Problem of Evil
13	Omnipotence: Mavrodes, 106-108, and Frankfurt, 108-109
14	Problem of Evil: Mackie, 256-263
15	Soul Making Defense: Hick, 319-323
16	Free Will Defense: Plantinga, 300-319 (THIS IS LONG!)
17	Transworld Depravity: further discussion of Plantinga
18	Ignorance Defense: Alston on Blackboard
19	Infinity and arbitrary choice: the Howard-Snyders on Blackboard
	Unit 5: Faith and Evidence
20	Belief Requires Evidence: Clifford (but our discussion won't stick too closely to the text), 498-502, and Belief without evidence is sometimes necessary: James (but we won't stick too closely to this text either), Just Section 1, 502-503.
21	Belief is not about evidence: Kierkegaard, on Blackboard
22	Without Evidence DISbelieve: Engel on Blackboard.
23	Belief without evidence again: Bergman, 534-549 (Long)
24	Further discussion
25	Pluralism: Hick, 637-645
26	Exclusivism: Plantinga, 645-659 (Long)
27	Catch up day