Course Title: PHIL 7534; Christian Faith, Knowledge, and Science
Class Dates and Time: WF, 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Room: TBA
Professor: William A. Dembski

COURSE DESCRIPTION  An examination of the key approaches to epistemology, with special reference to the knowledge of God. Modern scientific method and theory will be examined, with attention to issues which impact the Christian faith (such as cosmology, creation, and miracles). Four hours.

COURSE GOALS  This seminar attempts to make sense of the scientific enterprise in light of the Christian Faith. Of special interest here is the use to which science has been put in undermining the Christian faith by furthering a materialistic worldview.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES  In this course the student will:
•  Achieve proficiency in thinking, speaking, and writing effectively and professionally within a Christian worldview on the role of science in relation to Christian faith.
•  Be able to summarize the main scientific challenges to the Christian faith.
•  Achieve a basic understanding of the history and philosophy of science.

COURSE TEXTS

Required

Recommended

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Active participation in class discussions — 20 percent.
2. 1,500- to 2,000-word critical review along with leading a class discussion based on it — 30 percent. Due at time of presentation.
3. 6,000- to 8,000-word research paper — 50 percent. The paper can be on a topic of your choice, but it must be relevant to this course and argue a thesis. The word count excludes notes and bibliography. The paper needs to follow a consistent style and provide full references. Due last day of class.
4. Single-page executive summary of YOU (with embedded picture) — minus 5 percent if not handed in. Due second week of class.

**GRADES**

Grades will be determined by the following scale: 100-98 (A+); 97-93 = A; 92-90 (A-); 89-88 (B+); 87-83 (B); 82-80 (B-); 79-78 (C+); 77-73 (C); 72-70 (C-); 69-68 (D+); 67-63 (D); 62-60 (D-); Below 60 = F.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's work as one's own. When the professor concludes that a student has plagiarized an assignment, the student will receive the grade of zero for the assignment, and the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will be notified about the incident. The same actions apply to other acts of academic dishonesty such as cheating on examinations (see Ethical Conduct section in SWBTS catalog).

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Individuals with documented impairments who may need special circumstances for exams, classroom participation, or assignments should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester in order for special arrangements to be considered.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

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Here’s How to Interpret Them. Government figures due Friday will undoubtedly show that job losses in April were the worst ever. But they could provide key hints about the recovery. A deserted shopping mall on Long Island. The April unemployment rate is likely to hit 15 percent or higher, by far the worst since the Great Depression. And the deterioration has happened with almost unfathomable swiftness: Two months earlier, the rate was 3.5 percent, a 50-year low. That could help answer a question that could be crucial to the eventual recovery: How far has the damage spread? The last jobs report, based on data from early March, showed large losses in restaurants, hotels and other industries hit hardest by the first wave of shutdowns. Always done it: 39 percent, no matter what the numerical value, in some instances a paper may call for it to be thirty-nine (39%) percent also but that's really old old old legal-ese stuff.

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