

# PHIL 3016 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101965

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**Description** This subject examines central issues in the philosophy of religion. Students will look at a variety of ideas emanating from a philosophical consideration of religious belief and practice. Issues include arguments for and against the existence of God, conceptions of religious experience and faith, the relationship between science and religion, and religion and ethics.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Philosophy

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

## Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Read representative philosophical texts and perform analysis of their argumentation
2. Demonstrate an understanding of themes and arguments central to philosophy of religion
3. Use methods of conceptual analysis as these pertain to philosophy of religion
4. Produce an extended written argument on a topic of philosophical import

## Subject Content

- Religious diversity
- Conceptions of God (in monotheism) or ultimate reality (in non-theistic religion)
- Arguments for and against the existence of God: ontological, cosmological, and teleological arguments
- Religious experience
- Faith, reason, and evidence
- Religion and ethics
- Science and Religion
- Miracles, prayer, and revelation
- Continental philosophy of religion
- The self, soul, and post-mortem existence
- Religion and the environment
- Religion and gender
- Religious experience
- The Problem of evil
- Postcolonial and feminist approaches to philosophy of religion

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	Y
Essay	3,000 words	50	N	Individual	Y
Presentation	5-10 minutes plus leading tutorial discussion	15	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Subject Reader