CPH 370 Christian Philosophy

Purpose: the purpose of this course is to help students develop a greater understanding of the nature of Christian philosophy and some of the core issues it addresses.

Recommended Textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is Life's Ultimate Questions. The author is Ronald H. Nash. 400 pages. © 2013, Zondervan. ISBN-13: 9780310514923

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

- 1. Discuss several conceptual systems in philosophy.
- 2. Explain the law of non-contradiction and its importance.
- 3. Discuss the meaning of truth.
- 4. Discuss several traditional "proofs" of God's existence and the strengths and weaknesses of each proof.
- 5. Discuss the nature of ethics and ethical decision making.

Structure: This course has been divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook.

CPH 370.1 Six Philosophical Conceptual Systems

First Area of Study: An Introduction to Philosophy

Second Area of Study: Naturalism

Third Area of Study: Plato Fourth Area of Study: Aristotle Fifth Area of Study: Plotinus Sixth Area of Study: Augustine Seventh Area of Study: Aquinas

CPH 370.2 Important Problems in Philosophy

First Area of Study: The Law Of Noncontradiction

Second Area of Study: Possible Worlds

Third Area of Study: Epistemology Part I: Whatever Happened To Truth? Fourth Area of Study: Epistemology Part II: A Tale Of Two Systems Fifth Area of Study: Epistemology III: Reformed Epistemology

CPH 370.3 God, Ethics, and Human Nature

First Area of Study: The Existence Of God Second Area of Study: The Nature Of God

Third Area of Study: Metaphysics: Some Questions About Indeterminism

Fourth Area of Study: Ethics Part I: The Downward Path Fifth Area of Study: Ethics Part II: The Upward Path

Sixth Area of Study: Human Nature: The Mind-body Problem And Survival After Death

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Introduction to Philosophy Examination. The exam has two parts which correspond to the sections listed above.

