

Certificate in Philosophy

Level Two: Intermediate Track

BENEFITS

The Intermediate Level Philosophy track is designed to introduce the student to some of the major issues in the philosophy of religion.

DESCRIPTION

The Intermediate Level track consists of twelve courses that can be completed in a nine to twelve-month period. Although students may take longer to complete the courses if they wish, the courses are designed so that the student may finish one course per month and earn the Certificate in one year.

After registration, the student will be assigned a tutor to answer questions that may arise from the required reading and who will evaluate the student's coursework. An online forum will also be provided. The forum will provide a place for students in the Intermediate Level Philosophy track to submit questions to the tutor and to discuss course related issues with other students registered for the same track.

The following are the courses for the Intermediate Level Certificate in Philosophy:

1. Historical Survey
2. Christian Worldview
3. Faith and Reason
4. Natural Theology
5. Philosophy of Science
6. Arguments for the Existence of God
7. Miracles
8. The Problem of Evil
9. The Mind-Body Problem
10. Religious Language
11. Religious Pluralism
12. Religion and Morality

REQUIREMENTS

Each of the twelve courses in the Intermediate Level Philosophy track requires some reading. In order to benefit from the reading, the student is required to keep a reading journal, which is to be submitted to the tutor after completing the final course. The reading journal must be typed. For each required text, the student is to include the following information:

1. State the author and title of the book.
2. In no less than 25 and no more than 50 words, state what the book is about. In other words, what is the subject matter of the book, and how does the author present the material?
3. In no less than 150 and no more than 200 words, summarize how the book has contributed to your knowledge of basic philosophical and/or apologetic issues.
4. In no less than 25 and no more than 50 words, state whether you agree or disagree with any aspect of the author's approach and why.
5. In no less than 25 and no more than 50 words, state what difference reading this book has made in your life.

The following are the reading requirements for each course:

1. HISTORICAL SURVEY

Stumpf, Samuel and James Fieser. *Socrates to Sartre and Beyond: A History of Philosophy*, 8th edition.

2. CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Sire, James. *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*.

3. FAITH AND REASON

Helm, Paul. *Faith With Reason*.

4. NATURAL THEOLOGY

Sennett, James and Douglas Groothuis, eds. *In Defense of Natural Theology*.

5. PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Moreland, J.P. *Christianity and the Nature of Science: A Philosophical Investigation*.

6. ARGUMENTS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Davis, Stephen T. *God, Reason & Theistic Proofs*.

7. MIRACLES

Geivett, R. Douglas and Gary R. Habermas, eds. *In Defense of Miracles*.

8. THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

Feinberg, John S. *The Many Faces of Evil*.

9. THE MIND-BODY PROBLEM

Green, Joel B. and Stuart Palmer, eds. *In Search of the Soul: Four Views of the Mind-Body Problem*.

10. RELIGIOUS LANGUAGE

Stiver, Dan. *The Philosophy of Religious Language*.

11. RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

Carson, D.A. *The Gagging of God*.

12. RELIGION AND MORALITY

Davis, John Jefferson. *Evangelical Ethics*.