

Philosophies of Man provides students an opportunity to learn the foundations of philosophy, the need for philosophy, and explore the ways in which a variety of worldviews, including Christianity, understand human nature, human freedom, and ethics using the following four questions:

1. What is the nature of God?
2. What is the nature of man?
3. What is the nature of reality?
4. What is the nature of free will? What implications does this have for ethics?

### **Units and Timeline**

Unit 1: Introduction and The Nature of Reality

Unit 2: Major Contemporary Philosophies

Stoicism

Nihilism/Absurdism (Friedrich Nietzsche)

Rationalism/Empiricism

Taoism/Confucianism (Confucius)

Existentialism/Determinism (B.F. Skinner)

Utilitarianism

Unit 3: Christian Philosophy

Unit 4: Arguments for the Existence of God

Ontology/Cosmology

Moral/Ethical (C.S. Lewis)

The Problem of Pain

Miracles

Unit 5: Contemporary Issues in Philosophy (Case studies)

### **Evaluation**

60% Journals

40% Projects

### **Expectations**

1. Students will be on time for class
2. Journals will be completed on paper during class time and handed in upon exiting class
3. Students will respect others in the classroom
4. No devices are required and are not permitted during class. This includes cell phones and computers.
5. Students will arrive to class with notebook/binder, Bible, pen.

### **Procedures**

- Monday's Class: Meet in Chapel
- Friday's Class:
  - 11A: Mr. Harrison's Room (301)
  - 11B: Mrs. Cathcart's Room (304)
  - 12A: Ms. Andreasen's Room (302)
  - 12B: Mr. Cherney's Room (303)

"Many who begin to reflect on the deeper things of life - 'How did I get here? Why am I here? Where am I going?' - simply discover that Christianity answers these questions more completely than any other worldview." - Unknown