Summit Virtual
College Credit Overview
Philosophy 111

Overview

Please read this entire packet carefully

- College Credit is offered through **Bryan College** in Dayton, TN
- This course is titled "**Contemporary Worldviews**" and transcripted as **Philosophy 111**
- Bryan College uses a 10-point grading scale (93–100% = A | 90–92% = A- | 87–89% = B+ | 83–86% = B | 80–82% = B- | 77–79% = C+ | 73–76% = C | 70–72% = C | 69% or below = No Credit)

Note: Because Bryan is **accredited**, most schools usually accept the credits. However, it is best to contact your college's Registrar Office to see if they will accept this course.

http://summitfiles.org/content/programs/PHIL111-Syllabus.pdf

Registration & Tuition

A **separate registration** for college credit must be filled out and submitted by 5:00pm MST on the first day of your virtual session.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuGwN7idWJL8czPCQm2ecgNmouWdRpL3xSBY_pDbFlU84EVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Note: The 1, 2 and 3 credit hour options are *mutually exclusive*, and cannot be changed after you register; you must choose one and continue on that track. If you do not complete the work it will show up on your transcript from Bryan College.

Tuition
- **1 credit hour**
  - Free
- **2 credit hours**
  - Free
- **3 credit hours**
  - Free

Requirements
- **1 credit hour**
  - Take a college credit **comprehensive exam** based on Summit Virtual lectures
- **2 credit hours**
  - Listen to an additional **10** hours of lectures after the session
  - Read **assigned** excerpts of *Understanding the Times*
  - Write a 2-page worldview **essay** (due 14 days after session ends)
  - Take a college credit **comprehensive exam** based on Summit Virtual lectures

- **3 credit hours**
  - Listen to an additional **15** hours of lectures after the session
  - Write a 2-page worldview **essay** (due 14 days after session ends)
  - Take a college credit **comprehensive exam** based on Summit Virtual lectures
  - Read **assigned** excerpts of *Understanding the Times*
  - Write a 12-page minimum research **paper** (due 30 days after session ends)

Step 1: Comprehensive Exam
Exam Overview
- This a comprehensive **multiple-choice exam** with questions from the classroom lectures, not the breakout sessions. The Q&A sessions and interview sessions could be included.
- There will be **75–100 questions.**
- There will be an optional **exam review (TBD)**

Hint: Take good notes during lectures and review your notes each night for 10 to 15 minutes

Step 2: Worldview Essay (2 credit and 3 credit only)
Guidelines
- **Everyone seeking to receive 2 or 3 credit hours must write an essay** (essay is due 14 days after the Friday you finished your virtual session).
- This essay should be written **in your own words** — no footnotes, quotes, or a bibliography
- **No more than two pages (double-spaced) in length.**

Outline
The essay should cover the following (Note: You don't need an intro or conclusion section):
- **Paragraph 1**: **Defining Worldview**
  - Define the term "worldview"
  - Discuss the importance of understanding and studying various worldviews
- **Paragraph 2**: **Identifying Worldviews**
  - Define and compare four of the major beliefs/tenets (e.g. theology, philosophy, ethics, biology) of the Christian worldview with a non-Christian worldview from Summit's worldview chart (i.e., Secularism, Postmodernism, New Spirituality, Marxism, or Islam).
    Note: This chart is found in *Understanding the Times* textbook. Summit will provide the text
    Note: You must identify and define your terms from the chart.
- **Paragraph 3**: **Critiquing Worldviews**
  - Discuss the problems associated with the non-Christian worldview you identified above. What are the consequences of the beliefs/tenets associated with the worldview you identified? Are these beliefs/ideas rational? Why or why not? Be objective.
  Completed papers need to be emailed to **Summit Ministries (elizabeth.tomaszewski@summit.org)** formatted at .docx with the subject in the email

reading "*Summit Worldview Essay.*" Paper must be emailed submitted within 14 days of attending Summit Virtual.

Scoring
Grading will be based on the following: (a) not following directions, (b) horrific grammar/spelling, (c) undefined terms, (d) incomplete definitions

Step 3: Research Paper (3 Credit Only)
Research Paper Overview
- A **12-page minimum research paper** will be graded by a resident professor.
- The paper must be **emailed within 30 days** after the end of your session.

Note: *If you register for 3 credit hours, yet do not submit the required research paper by the deadline, you will receive a grade of zero for that portion of the course requirements. In most cases this means you will get a failing grade.*

Research Paper Topics
Choose one of the following topics on which to write your paper:
- **Topic 1: A Christian Response to the Environment**: Compare and contrast a biblical view of the environment and our place in it with what major secular worldviews suggest about the environment and our place in it. Discuss the fundamental assumptions that flow from each worldview to shape how this issue is understood. Specific application should be made to the current debates about climate change.
- **Topic 2: A Christian Understanding of Personhood and Human Rights**: Compare and contrast a biblical view of personhood and human rights with the viewpoints of other major worldviews. Discuss the fundamental assumptions that flow from each worldview to shape how this issue is understood. Include specific discussion about one of the following contemporary social issues: A major bioethical challenge, such as cloning, transhumanism, the stem-cell debate, human trafficking, abortion etc… or Human trafficking

Research Paper Guidelines
- **Length/Format**: The paper must include at least ten pages in addition to a title page and a bibliography. It should be typed, and use 12 point Times New Roman font. Each page should have one-inch margins all around, be double-spaced, and be numbered in the top right-hand corner. The following elements should be included in your paper:
  - **Cover sheet** (1 page): Give your topic title, your name, the submission date, and course title, "Contemporary Worldviews."
  - **Introduction** (approx. 1 page): Get the reader's attention and explain why this topic is important, what your goals are for the discussion, and how you intend to structure your discussion of the topic (list and briefly describe your main points).
  - **Body of Paper** (approx. 8 pages): Following the outline of your main points, address each topic in detail and state your researched opinion, backing it up with quotes.
  - **Summation** (approx. 1 page): Restate the main conclusions.

- o **Bibliography** (1–2 pages): List all the works consulted in your research, both those you quoted from and others you used to form your conclusions. (Make sure this is a full bibliography.)
- **Citation**: The text should be in well-written prose with key quotes validating your arguments. When using direct quotes, you should briefly explain the context from which the quote was taken. Quotes of more than 30 words should be single-spaced and indented ½ inch from the left and right margins, and all direct quotes should be footnoted or endnoted. You must use a footnote/endnote style. Two such styles are the Chicago and Turabian styles.

Note: *MLA format, commonly taught in high schools, is not acceptable for this paper* for the following reasons: MLA uses parenthetical references for all quotes, while the Chicago/Turabian styles use footnotes or endnotes. Using notes gives the body of the paper the clean line college professors are looking for. MLA uses a "works cited" page instead of a bibliography, while Chicago/Turabian recommend a formal bibliography. Again, college professors will be looking for a formal bibliography and if you use the informal "works cited," you will lose points.

- **Sources**: Primary sources are strongly preferred over secondary sources; the individual's own writings are granted more weight than commentaries on them. You should focus your attention on the primary sources: quoting from them, analyzing them, and fully documenting your references. Your grade will be based on:
  - o How well you follow the instructions given here
  - o Your use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation
  - o Most of all, how well your paper develops and defends your claims
- **Completed papers** need to be emailed to **Dr. Paul Boling (bolingpa@bryan.edu)** formatted at .docx with the subject in the email reading "*Summit Virtual Paper.*" Paper must be emailed submitted within 30 days of attending Summit Virtual.

Research Paper Grading Criteria

Each paper which will be broken down into two sections:
- **Organization/professionalism**:
  - o Clear introduction and purpose
  - o Clear structure (sections demarcated, outline clear)
  - o Well-organized footnotes or endnotes (parenthetical notation not acceptable)
  - o Grammar, punctuation, spelling
  - o Format (pages numbered, margins) and typing (line and word spacing)
- **Substance/content**:
  - o Demonstrates an understanding of the topic with good use of research
  - o Applies worldview and biblical insights appropriately to the topic
  - o Quality of bibliography

Frequently Asked Questions For 3-Credit

- **Will I receive my paper back after it has been graded?** Your paper will be emailed back to you, with a summary of your final grade, after it has been graded.

- **When Can I expect to hear about my final grade?** Be prepared to wait *at least 6–8 weeks* after emailing in your paper to receive word about your final grade.
- **Who do I contact if I have questions about the research paper?** If you have a question about the program, please email us (**elizabeth.tomaszewski@summit.org@**). If you have a specific question about the research paper, please email Dr. Paul Boling (**bolingpa@bryan.edu**).