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# Summit Summer Conference

## 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 transcribed 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. If your college asks for a syllabus, it can be downloaded at the bottom of this page:

[www.summit.org/programs/student-conferences/colorado/college-credit](http://www.summit.org/programs/student-conferences/colorado/college-credit).

#### Registration & Tuition

- A separate registration for college credit must be filled out and turned in to the office staff by noon on the second Monday of the session
- Include your non-refundable tuition payment—\$450 for three credits, \$350 for two credits, and \$250 for one credit.

#### Important Deadlines

1st Tuesday of your session – College credit overview meeting will be held on this day.

2nd Monday of your session – Application and Tuition due at the front desk by Noon.

2nd Thursday of your session – College credit exam review in the classroom will be announced and is optional

2nd Thursday of your session – Also, the essay is due by 2:30 pm.

2nd Friday of your session – The college credit exam needs to be completed by the end of the weekend (Sunday Night at Midnight MST)

Saturday – The clock starts for your 12-page minimum research paper. The paper is due in 30 days.

#### Requirements

##### 1 credit hour

- Take a college credit comprehensive exam based on Summit lectures

##### 2 credit hours

- Write a 2-page worldview essay (due 2nd Thursday of the session )
- Take a college credit comprehensive exam based on Summit lectures
- Read assigned excerpts of Understanding the Times Chapters 1 and 2 as well as 2 additional chapters from Chapters 8-17
- Attend Three Open Forums

### **3 credit hours**

- Write a 2-page worldview essay (due 2nd Thursday of the session )
- Take a college credit comprehensive exam based on Summit lectures
- Write a 12-page minimum research paper (due 30 days after session ends)
- Read assigned excerpts of Understanding the Times chapters 1 and 2 as well as 4 additional chapters from Chapters 8-17
- Attend Three Open Forums

### **Step 1: Comprehensive Exam**

#### **Exam Overview**

- Everyone must take the test (The test must be completed by the end of the night on Sunday)
- This is a comprehensive multiple-choice exam with questions from the classroom lectures
- There will be around three to four questions per lecture (around 75–100 questions)
- Students will have one hour to take the exam (online before Sunday at Midnight)
- There will be an exam review the day before (second Thursday from 2:30 – 3:30)

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

### **Step 2: Worldview Essay**

#### **Guidelines**

- Everyone 2 and 3 credit hour student must write an essay (the essay is due the second Thursday at 2:30 pm)
- The essay is worth 5 points. Each point that you earn is added to your final grade.
- This essay should be written in your own words — no footnotes, quotes, or a bibliography
- No more than two pages...please staple them at the front desk
  - If handwritten, then single-spaced (use college-ruled paper available at the front desk)
  - If Typed, then Word doc, double-spaced, 1.25" margins, 12 pt, Times New Roman font

Email to: [collegecredit@summit.org](mailto:collegecredit@summit.org) before 2:00 pm on the second Thursday and title your paper "First Last name- Worldview Essay"

#### **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 the Understanding the Times textbook. Summit will provide the text digitally

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.

### Scoring

Everyone starts out with 5 points but will be deducted for 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 a 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.
- 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:

How well you follow the instructions given here

Your use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation

Most of all, how well your paper develops and defends your claims

Completed papers need to be emailed to Megan Almon (Megan.Almon@summit.org) formatted at .docx with the subject in the email reading “Summit Conference Paper.” Paper must be emailed submitted within 30 days of attending Summit.



## **Research Paper Grading Criteria**

Each paper which will be broken down into two sections:

### **Organization/professionalism:**

- Clear introduction and purpose
- Clear structure (sections demarcated, outline clear)
- Well-organized footnotes or endnotes (parenthetical notation not acceptable)
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Format (pages numbered, margins) and typing (line and word spacing)

### **Substance/content:**

- Demonstrates an understanding of the topic with good use of research
- Applies worldview and biblical insights appropriately to the topic
- Quality of bibliography

## **Frequently Asked Questions For 3-Credit**

### **Will I receive my paper 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](mailto:elizabeth.tomaszewski@summit.org)). If you have a specific question about the research paper, please email Megan Almon ([Megan.Almon@summit.org](mailto:Megan.Almon@summit.org)).

