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Christian Philosophy

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Course Goals

Like any religion, Christianity is a broad pattern of beliefs and practices. Some of the beliefs are not only compatible with but at times dependent on the cogency of certain philosophical conceptions, such as:

- the existence and nature of God
- a theory of human knowledge (belief) and action,
- a conception of both the natural and the social world,
- and the distinction between good and evil.

This course will critically examine critically the relations between Christian religious beliefs and such philosophical conceptions, but also suggest how some Christian beliefs have had a significant impact on the development of various cultures, particularly in the West. Such an examination can assist both philosophical inquiry and the critical analysis of other cultural, political, and moral beliefs and practices.

Learning Outcomes

- *examine* critically some key texts in a Christian philosophical tradition,
- *identify* with what philosophical issues these philosophers are concerned,
- *weigh* significant differences among the approaches these philosophers have taken, particularly those that distinguish a position as Catholic or Christian,
- and *judge* how these philosophical arguments can assist the practice of the Christian faith today.

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