

CAROLINA BIBLE COLLEGE
FAYETTEVILLE , NC

COURSE TITLE

GE 302SS Worldviews

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the variety of worldviews that have been held to by mankind with special emphasis on the discernment of the present post-modern worldview

TEXTBOOKS

Required

Sire, James W. *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*, 4th Edition. Intervarsity: Downers Grove, 2004. ISBN: 0-8308-2780-3

The Bible – in any of the following translations: KJV, NASB, NIV, NKJV, ESV, HCSB

Recommended

Halverson, Dean C, ed. *The Compact Guide to World Religions*. Bethany House: Minneapolis, 1996.
ISBN: 978-155661-7041

INSTRUCTOR

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Course Objectives

Knowledge – Upon successful completion of this course, the student will learn components that make up a worldview and gain familiarity with several major worldviews, also, see the superiority of the Christian worldview the shortcomings of others. The student will also learn to see the worldview of others based on their words and actions.

Spiritual Progress – Upon successful completion of this course, the student will come to a greater appreciation of our Creator as we discover that His way of operating is superior to alternatives.

Action – Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be prepared to defend the Christian worldview as commanded in 1 Peter 3:15.

Christian worldview – Upon successful completion of this course, the student will cultivate a Christian worldview by comparing it to the other major worldviews and understanding that there is no acceptable alternative.

Course Requirements

Class hours per week 2.5

Quarter Credit hours 3

Prerequisites None

Grading Scale	
93 – 100.....	A
85 – 92.....	B
77 – 84.....	C
70 – 76.....	D
< 69	F

Grading Requirements

Grades will be calculated using the following formula:

Quizzes 25%

Worldview project 20%

Book Review 15%

Mid-term Exam 20%

Final Exam 20%

(The standard college grading scale will apply. See page 10 in the catalog)

Attendance is necessary. Three tardies equals one absence, three absences results in failure.

There will be 4 quizzes/assignments randomly scheduled throughout the course.

A book review of between 3 and 5 pages in length is due week 8. (3-5 pages not including bibliography or title page, double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, Georgia, Garamond, or times New Roman, follow all college style rules for format. Regardless of what your spellchecker says in this class “worldviews” is a word) You may select from any of the following books:

- Bush, L. Russ. *The Advancement: Keeping the Faith in an Evolutionary Age*. Nashville; Broadman and Holman, 2003. ISBN: 0-08054-3034-2
- Dostoevsky, Fyodor. *The Brothers Karamazov*. any English translation (or Russian if you can read it)
- Godawa, Brian. *Hollywood Worldviews: Watching Films with Wisdom and Discernment*. Downer’s Grove; InterVarsity, 2002. ISBN: 978-0830-837137
- Groothius, Douglas. *Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism*. Downer’s Grove; InterVarsity, 2000. ISBN 0-8308-2228-3
- Sire, James W. *Why Good Arguments Often Fail: Making a More Persuasive Case For Christ*. Intervarsity: Downers Grove, 2006. ISBN: 978-0-8308-3381-1

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Assignment Due	Text Pages	Topic
1	Sep 14		13-22	Introductions, Syllabus, Worldview
2	Sep 21			Epistemology, revelation & worldview?
3	Sep 28	Project	23-44	Theism & Christian Worldview
4	Oct 5		45-58	Deism & Finite Godism
5	Oct 12		59-111	Naturalism & Atheism
6	Oct 19			Mid-Term Exam
			141-210	The mystery of postmodernism
7	Oct 26		211-241	Postmodernism
8	Nov 2	Book review		Islam
9	Nov 9		112-140,242-250	Wild card week
10	Nov 16			

Upon completing the course you will receive a grade report in the following format:

Student: **Joe Student**

Assignment	Grade	Multiplier	Points
Quiz 1	100		
Quiz 2	90		
Quiz 3	70		
Quiz 4	100		
Quiz avg	90	0.25	22.5
Project	95	0.2	9.5
Mid-Term	87	0.2	17.4
Final Exam	89	0.2	22.25
Book Review	90	0.15	18

89.65 Final Grade