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[Moravian College](#)

PHIL 292 – God and the Problem of Evil
Bernie Cantens, Department of Philosophy
Fall 2017

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the problem of evil: If God is omnipotent, omniscient, and morally perfect, how can there be so much evil in the world? This question remains one of the most difficult for theists to answer. In this course, students will study and reflect on some of the most influential and important arguments around this topic. The course includes readings from classical sources, such as Aquinas, Leibniz, and Hume, and from some of the most prominent contemporary philosophers of religion, such as Alvin Plantinga, William Hasker, Richard Swinburne, Eleanore Stump, Paul Draper and William Rowe. At the end of the course, students may come to a better understanding of the world, the meaning (or lack of meaning) of life, and the possibility (or lack of possibility) of the existence of God.

Prerequisites: None.

[Syllabus](#)

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Bernie Cantens is Professor of Philosophy at Moravian College. His areas of specialization are late-Medieval Spanish philosophy, philosophy of religion, American pragmatism, and ethics. Cantens earned his PhD from the University of Miami and has published over 30 scholarly articles, book chapters, and reviews in his areas of specialization. In 2013 he served as president of the Society for Philosophy of Religion. He also has extensive experience teaching online, offering nearly a dozen online courses over the past seven years.

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[University of St. Francis](#)

PHIL 494 — Philosophy of War and Peace

Timothy Weldon, Philosophy Program

Fall 2017 (and Fall 2018)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to understanding the stark contrast between the realities of war and peace through the prism of Just War Theory. This survey course will discuss the basic historical and situational problems, ethical and moral concepts, proponents and advocates, impediments and obstacles, ideals and objectives, and the overall existential vocabulary of war and peace. Issues and topics to be treated include the meaning and value of human life, the dignity of the human person, religious influences in war and peace, the understanding of death, human freedom, philosophy of good and evil, human solidarity, justice and international law, origins of historical and current conflicts, and the definition, history and application of Catholic Just War Tradition.

Prerequisites: None.

 [Syllabus](#)

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Tim Weldon is professor of Philosophy and chair of the Department of Theology at the University of St. Francis. He received his undergraduate degree in government from Saint Mary's College of California and graduate degrees in philosophy from the University of Dallas. Weldon also studied International Relation at Schiller University in Paris, France, and maintains an avid interest in international relations and peace and security studies. His publications include books on Duns Scotus, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, and the Franciscan intellectual tradition, essays on aesthetics and many other topics, as well as works of fiction. He has taught at the University of St. Francis for over 15 years and has been teaching online for more than a third of that time.

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