

COURSE SYLLABUS

Worldview Basics

Our Daily Bread Christian University

Course Description

How would your life be different if you had been born into another home, culture, or religious faith? Your perspective of life is influenced by your culture, your background, and your life experiences. This is called your worldview. The *Worldview Basics* course will compare seven major worldviews and examine what makes a biblical worldview so unique. Dig in and discover how worldviews influence you and others in ways you and they may not always be conscious of.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Accurately define what is meant by the term “worldview.”
2. Identify by name and concept seven worldviews commonly held in the world today.
3. Explain how each worldview answers these questions: “What Is Real?,” “Who Am I?,” “Where Did I Come From?,” “Why Am I Here?,” “What Is the Basis for My Values?,” and “What Does the Future Hold?”
4. Discern comparisons and contrasts between each worldview on topics of reality, identity, origins, meaning, ethics, and the future.
5. List the six distinctives of a biblical worldview and explain to someone else the internal consistency of a biblical worldview in contrast to the other worldviews examined.
6. Explain how part of God’s truth can be found in each worldview.
7. Make a decision concerning which worldview you feel to be the most consistent with truth.

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives.

Lesson Structure

Each lesson is organized in a similar structure. It is important that students review the lesson objectives for each lesson so they will be familiar with the learning outcomes for that lesson. The lesson lectures are available in video or text format. Lessons are structured as follows:

- **Lesson Objectives:** The Lesson Objectives describe the learning outcomes students should achieve by the end of each lesson.
- **Lecture:** Each lesson in this course includes a lecture of approximately 10-25 minutes

in length. These instructional lectures can be watched as many times as needed. The same content is available in the lesson transcript (PDF), for students who can benefit from this alternative medium.

- **Quizzes:** Short, interactive quizzes within each video lesson help students test their knowledge along the way.

Course Requirements

Course requirements will be provided by the student's course facilitator, instructor, or leader. For students taking this course independent of a facilitator, this is a self-study course and there are no requirements; students may do as much, or as little work in the course as they like.