PHIL 417:

God, Religion, and the Meaning of Life

This course examines the rules of religion in establishing a meaning for life. Does religion play a deeper role than the arts? A deeper role than philosophy? A deeper role than science? A deeper role than politics? A deeper role than psychological science? What precisely is it to have a religion? Does having a meaningful life presuppose belief in a God? For one’s life to have meaning is it necessary to believe the very existence of universe has to have a meaning? For example, should one think the theory of evolution (that the existence of life is an accident) robs human life of meaning?