



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELS 451.10 – “Studies in Eastern Religions: The *Yogasutra*”

Winter Term 2014

Course Outline

Lectures: Mondays, 2:00-4:45

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Course Description

In this course we will closely read Patanjali’s *Yogasutra* and Vyasa’s *Yogasutrabhasya*, with attention to the text’s metaphysical, moral, and soteriological accounts.

Required Texts

1. Whicher, Ian. 1998. *The Integrity of the Yoga Darsana: A Reconsideration of Classical Yoga* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press).
2. Aranya, Hariharanda. 1984. *Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali, Containing his yoga aphorisms with Vyasa’s commentary in Sanskrit and a translation* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press).
3. Additional readings posted to Blackboard.

Evaluation

Students will be graded on participation and three (4-6 page) papers, one of which will be presented in class. Participation includes attending class with homework complete, and participating in in-class discussion. Due Dates for the papers will depend on which material students choose to write on.

Class Participation:	10 Points
Midterm Paper (TBD):	25 Points
Midterm Paper with Presentation (TBD):	30 Points
Final Paper (TBD):	35 Points

There will be no registrar scheduled final exam for this course.

A student need not receive a passing mark on every assignment in order to pass the course.

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

Grading Method

Grades will be calculated as follows:

96-100 = A+	80-84.9 = B+	65-69.9 = C+	53-54.9 = D+
90-95.9 = A	75-79.9 = B	60-64.9 = C	50-52.9 = D
85-89.9 = A-	70-74.9 = B-	55-59.9 = C-	< 50 = F

Policies

Papers must be turned in on the day they are due. Late papers will lose 2 points per day they are late.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQ's about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>. Instructions for using the Digital Drop Box are available here:

http://library.blackboard.com/docs/r6/6_1/student/bbbs_r6_1_student/digital_drop_box.htm.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.

- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.