

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION**

**COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2017**

<b>Course</b>	RELS 595.05 <i>Directed Independent Study –The Study of Mysticism</i>
<b>Time</b>	Meetings as arranged, no more than once per week
<b>Instructor</b>	Virginia Tumasz
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**Required Text(s):**

Steven Katz *Mysticism and Philosophical Analysis* (1978)  
*Mysticism and Religious Traditions* (1983)  
*Mysticism and Language* (1992)

Works of critics TBD

**Course Description:**

A directed reading course with the outcome of a research paper. The student will investigate theoretical issues in the study of mysticism in the field of Religious Studies. Primary attention will be on Steven Katz's work. Also included will be the work of critics.

**Online elements for this course:**

Submission of assignments by email

**Core Competencies:**

**Research** – formulating a research question and locating current relevant academic sources

**Writing** –composing an academic paper with a clearly formulated thesis and well-organized text that presents a cogent argument for the thesis, exhibiting clear academic prose and the proper use and documentation of sources.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
May 23, 29; June 5, 12	Weekly progress reports	5% each for total of 20%	Yes
June 12	Research proposal	20%	Yes
June 27	Final paper	60%	Yes

**Weekly Progress Reports** – Student will report on readings by writing a summary of the material in the readings that will be used in the final essay. Report length will vary depending on research applicability of readings but will be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.

**Research proposal:** By June 12, the student will submit a research proposal with a list of works that will be used/consulted in the final paper, a clear research question, a tentative thesis, and an outline of the argument.

**Final Essay:** The final essay will be a polished research essay of 4500- 6000 words (15-20 pages).

## Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

### Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:

Late assignments will be penalized one full letter grade per day.

### 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 (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor or librarian.

### Student Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf).

### Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@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 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.

### **Freedom of Information and Privacy**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

### **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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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](http://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.