

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

**COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2014**

**Course** GRST 433.02 L01: Christians, Muslims and Jews in Medieval Iberia  
**Time** MWF 9:00-9:50 am, ES 054  
**Instructor** Prof. Rachel Schmidt  
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**Required Text(s):**

Constable, Olivia Remie, ed. *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim and Jewish Sources.*

Dodds, Jerrilynn Denise. *The Arts of Intimacy: Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Making of Castilian Culture.*

**Optional Text(s):**

See readings on reserve in the library.

**Course Description:**

This course will study the history, cultures, political structures, and religious practices and beliefs of Christian, Muslim and Jewish populations in Iberia from the fall of the Roman empire to the expulsion of the *moriscos* in 1613. The class will be focused through a variety of cultural materials, including art, architecture, and literature.

**Online elements for this course:**

Check D2L site on a daily basis for updates.

**Core Competencies:**

The students will be expected to analyze historical documents and literary texts, to do basic formalist analysis of visual images, and to understand these objects as well as architecture within their historical context. The students will communicate these analyses in well-organized, coherent written form in essays and essay exams as well as expressing their ideas in class discussion. The research paper will evidence their abilities to do library research on a topic, using successfully secondary sources and, if appropriate, primary sources as well as adequate bibliographical formatting. The students will increase their understanding of cultural and historical diversity and development through their knowledge of this particular time and place.

### Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Sept. 29	Essay (1000 words) – handed out Sept. 24	15%	YES
Oct. 31, Nov. 3	In-class exam	25 %	YES
Dec. 5	Take home exam – handed out Dec. 3	25%	YES
Dec. 12	Research paper (10-12 pps.)	35%	YES

### 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, standardized 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:** All assignments must be completed to receive a passing grade in the course. Late assignments will be accepted only upon consultation with the professor.

**Expectations for student conduct in this course:** Students are expected to arrive to class daily having prepared the assigned reading. As the format of the class is a seminar, students are expected to participate in class discussion and in small group discussion.

**Electronic Device Policy:** Use of cellphones is not permitted in class. Use of laptops and tablets is permitted only for the purposes of taking notes or consulting class materials in conjunction with the class activities.

### Syllabus:

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

### References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html). Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

### 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, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

### **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 the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre 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.

### **Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help**

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

### **Gnosis**

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

### **Classics Student Society**

Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: [classsoc@ucalgary.ca](mailto:classsoc@ucalgary.ca) or visit <http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>.

### **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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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.