

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY - FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION COURSE
COURSE OUTLINE - FALL TERM 2016**

**GRST 603.01 - RELS 707 L01
GRADUATE ORIENTATION AND SEMINAR
A Blended Learning Course**

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Class time:	M 12.00-12.30
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Course description:

This seminar introduces graduate students to the world of graduate studies and provides an opportunity for students to ask questions, share their research, exchange ideas, and discover the norms and expectations for graduate students particularly those considering an academic career. It will also discuss alternatives to the normal academic career for post-graduates. The seminar focuses on the development of research skills, including research methods, grant applications, and academic publishing. Teaching skills will also be discussed.

Teaching, learning, and blended learning:

Information regarding these aspects of the course will be posted on D2L which students are expected to consult regularly.

Core competencies

At the end of this course students ought to be able to:

- 1) Know how to go about applying for research grants.
- 2) Understand the expectations and process of academic publishing
- 3) Know the differences between university systems around the world
- 4) Prepare for an academic career or an alternative that uses the student's research skills

Required Readings:

These will be posted after the initial meeting and depend on the needs of the group.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance at the seminars and the completion of projects that will be assigned to reflect the needs of individuals and the group.

Expectations for student conduct in this course:

Attendance: students are expected to attend these seminars.

Class etiquette:

Students are expected to interact with each other respectfully.

Computers and other devices: while attending class the wearing of earphones or similar devices is not permitted nor can computers be used for watching videos or playing computer games. Cell phones must be turned off and not taken out in class for texting or any other purposes. If you are seen using a cell phone in class you will be asked to leave the classroom.

Recording lectures:

For copyright reasons recording any part of any lectures in any form, including through a computer, is not permitted. Nor will the power point slides or lecture notes be posted on the web for the same reason. Photographing power point lectures with a cell phone or other device is not permitted. All of these restrictions are due to copyright issues and are strictly enforced.

Some recorded lectures will be posted on D2L but only certain ones.

Some power point slides, i.e. those that do not include limited use materials, will be posted to D2L. It is your responsibility to pay attention and make your own lecture notes.

Seminar schedule:

A complete seminar schedule will be posted on D2L after the first meeting of the group.

Final examination:

There will be no Registrar scheduled final examination.

Grading:

This is a pass/fail course without specific grades. The course grade is not included in your GPA.

Electronic Device Policy: recent evidence shows that students who use computers in class learn significantly less than those who write their own notes. You are encouraged to write your own notes. The wearing of earphones or similar devices is not permitted nor can computers to be used for watching videos or playing computer games.

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 staff.

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/.

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.

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.

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. 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 Block.

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 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.