

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Fall 2010

Course: Religious Studies 201 L02 - World Religions - Western
Time: TR 11:00-12:15

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Textbook:
Esposito, John L., Darrell J. Fasching and Todd Lewis. Eds. *Religions of the West Today*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
Additional material will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Description:

This is an introductory study of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Baha'i. The general ambience for the course will involve information, knowledge, and understanding that will assist the student in analyzing modern events and issues associated with these religious communities.

Core Competencies:

The learning context for this course is the assumption that religion was, is and will continue to be a major force in the lives of various individuals, communities and cultures. In other words, religion is a major social force requiring the attention and study of an informed member of the community. Consequently, the course is concerned with providing students with some of the information, knowledge and skills necessary for analyzing, accessing and understanding the religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Baha'i. The course will be concerned with developing skills in the following areas.

- Acquiring, organizing, evaluating and accessing various forms of information provided through the media of text, lecture, film and music.
- Locating, organizing and understanding various sources of information (Information Literacy).
- Awareness and ability to deal with diversity, including societal and ethical issues.
- Research, organization and writing skills necessary for thesis-styled essays.

Self-Directed Study

Students are expected to develop skills of time management, organization and independent learning through assigned readings and preparation for exams.

Course Outline:

The following outline will be considered a provisional guide only to the content of the course.

Introduction: <i>Chapter One</i>	What is Religion? Categories for our Examination
Judaism <i>Chapter Three</i>	Modern Issues Historical Understanding behind the Issues Modernity Postmodernity
Exam:	Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Christianity <i>Chapter Four</i>	Modern Issues Historical Understanding behind the Issues Modernity Postmodernity
Exam:	Thursday, November 4, 2010
Islam <i>Chapter Five</i>	Modern Issues Historical Understanding behind the Issues Modernity Postmodernity
Analytical Essay	Thursday, December 2, 2010
Baha'i and Modern Transformations <i>Chapter 6</i>	Modern Transformations and/or New Religions

Quiz **Thursday, December 9, 2010**

Course Requirements:

1. First Exam 30%
In-Class Exam [**Tuesday, October 12th, 2010**]
Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, true/false, and short answers.
Material includes lectures from Sept 14th to October 7th and chapter 3.
2. Second Exam 30%
In-Class Exam [**Thursday November 4th, 2010**]
Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, true/false, and short answers.
Material includes lectures from October 14th to November 2nd and chapter 4.
3. Analytical Essay 30%
Due: Thursday, December 2nd, 2010
This will be a guided essay project that will incorporate lecture material from November 9th to 30th and chapter 5. Students will compose a thesis-style essay according to the detailed instructions provided as part of the course and in response to specific essay questions.
4. Quiz 10%
In-class Quiz [**Thursday, December 9th, 2010**]
Consisting of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and true/false.
Material includes lectures on December 2nd and 7th and chapter 6.

**There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam for this course.*

Course Protocol

Exams: Alternative dates for exams will be permitted only with PRIOR arrangement with the instructor. In the case of a deferred exam, the student MUST contact the instructor within 24 hours of a missed exam.

Deferred exams will be arranged only under exceptional circumstances such as illness (with support provided by a doctor's note or medical certificate) or personal crisis (as verified by police report, bereavement notice, or through a meeting with the instructor). There is no extra-credit work permitted in this course and redistribution of percentage from one assignment to another is not an option. This is to ensure the fairness, equity and respect of all students in the course.

Essays A penalty of 25% per day (including weekends) will be deducted from late assignments. Essays must be delivered physically to the instructor in class on the assigned due date. Students are advised to keep a back-up of their essays. This is a GUIDED written assignment; therefore, students must adhere to the provided instructions. Failure to do so will result in a zero mark for the assignment. The assignment will be graded with regard to both form (i.e. grammar, spelling, organization) and content.

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. Following the final quiz, a letter grade will be assigned based on the following number and letter grade scheme:

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

Continuing Courses:

Rels 301: Studies in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; Rels 309: Religious Experience; Rels 331: Religious Perspectives on Suffering; Rels 335: Feasts, Fasts & Rites of Passage; Rels 337: Daughters of Eve; Rels 347: Scripture and Religions; Rels 315: Islamic Mysticism; Rels 353: Islam in the Modern World; Rels 357: The Religious Civilization of Islam; Rels 369: Introduction to Judaism; Rels 381 Women & Religion; Rels 383: Origins of Christianity 100 BCE-200 CE; Rels 385: Councils, Canons and Creeds: Christianity 200-800 CE; Rels 387: Scholastics, Mystics and Reformers: Christianity 800-1600 CE; Rels 389: Modern Christianity 1600-present.

Recording of lectures:

Recording any part of any lectures in any form must first be approved by the instructor in writing and is for individual private study only. See current Calendar, Tape recording of Lectures.

Academic Honesty:

Students should be familiar with University regulations regarding academic integrity; see relevant pages in the current University Calendar.

Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires 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. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor two weeks before the scheduled date.

Safewalk Program :

"You don't have to walk alone...." Call (403) 220-5333 and a member of the Safewalk Team will walk you to your car, the LRT, or any destination on campus. Safewalk is available to all students, staff and faculty any time of the day or night. Look for the Campus Security Help Phones located throughout the University. Please don't hesitate to call!

Withdrawing from courses:

Please note the information regarding withdrawals and fee refunds in the Academic Schedule of the current University Calendar.

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>.