

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Fall 2007**

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Course: Religious Studies 201 L03 - World Religions Western
Time: TR 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

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Textbook:

1) Corrigan, John, Frederick M. Denny, Carlos M.N. Eire, Martin S. Jaffee. Jews, Christians, Muslims: A Comparative Introduction to Monotheistic Religions. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1998. ISBN 0-02-325092-5

Course Description:

This is an introductory study of Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Baha'i. Through a thematic analysis, this course will examine the historical evolution and the modern expressions of these four Western religions. The thematic analysis will include the following topics:

- I. Scripture and Tradition
- II. Monotheism
- III. Worship and Rituals
- IV. Material Culture

The general ambience for the course will be 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, preparation for exams and in completing the Information literacy assignment and essay.

Course Outline:

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

Introduction:	What is Religion? What are Western Religions?
Scripture and Tradition	Tanakh, New Testament, Qur'an and Kitab-I-Aqdas Corrigan, 3-74
Monotheism	G-d, God Incarnate, Allah, Corrigan 75-154
First Exam:	Tuesday October 23, 2007 Including all the lectures from Sept 11-Oct 18, Corrigan 3-154 Material on Blackboard.
Worship and Rituals	Synagogue, Church, Mosque, and Temple Corrigan 215-76
Second Exam:	Thursday November 22, 2007 Including all lectures from Oct 23 –Nov 15 Corrigan 215-76 Material on Blackboard
Material Culture	Corrigan 341-418
Quiz	Thursday, December 6, 2007 Based on material from class material covered from Nov 22 – Dec 5 and Corrigan 341-418

Course Requirements:

1. First Exam

In-Class Exam [**Tuesday October 23, 2007**] 35%

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.

Lecture material from the beginning of class up to and including October 16; Corrigan text, pages 3-154, and material posted on Blackboard.

2. Second Exam

In- Class Exam [**Thursday November 22, 2007**] 35%

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.

Lecture material from October 23 up to and including November 15; Corrigan text, pages 215-76, and material posted on Blackboard.

3) Quiz

In-Class [**Thursday December 6, 2007**] 10%

Consisting of a combination of fill-in-the-blank, short and long answers.

Lecture material from November 22 up to and including December 4; Corrigan text, pages 341-418, and material posted of Blackboard,

4) INFORMATION LITERACY EXERCISE AND SHORT ESSAY 20%

Each student will be given an individual exercise that is designed to develop information literacy, research and academic writing skills. **NOTE: THE RESPECTIVE DEADLINE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT IS TO BE FOUND ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED EACH STUDENT. THE DEADLINES RANGE FROM NOVEMBER 27th to DECEMBER 4TH**

This assignment includes a thesis-style essay of 4-5 pages, double-spaced (1,000-1,500 words) in proper bibliographical format with a bibliography consisting of specified sources.

*** There will be no Registrar Scheduled Final Exam in this course**

Course Protocol

Deadlines: The adherence to deadlines is taken as a serious requirement and responsibility of the students in this course. Late assignments will be assessed a penalty of 5 marks for each 24 hour period.

Exams: Deferred exams will be arranged only under exceptional circumstances such as illness (with support provided by a doctor's note) or personal crisis (determined after meeting with Instructor). In any case, the student MUST contact the instructor within 24 hours of a missed exam.

There is no-extra credit work permitted in this course.

There will be no Registrar scheduled final examination in this course.

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. Following the final examination, a letter grade will be assigned 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

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

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 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 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>.

Course Schedule

Date	Textbook	Blackboard	Lectures
September 12-18	Pages 3-25	Review Comprehension Questions for Judaism. Memorize Terms: 42 terms (7 terms per day) Read and know the narrative outline for the Tanakh Review the other study questions	Ideas of Tradition, Scripture, Canon and Interpretation History of Judaism
September 18-25	Pages 26-51	Review Comprehension Questions for Christianity Memorize Terms: 45 terms (8 terms per day) Read and know the stories in the New Testament Review the other study questions	Formation of the New Testament Development of Christian Interpretation History of the Different Branches of Christianity
September 25-October 2	Pages 52-72	Review Comprehension Questions for Islam Memorize Terms: 31 Terms (5 terms per day) Read the information on Modern Islam Review the other study questions.	Life of Muhammad Development of the Qur'an Development of the Hadith Different Branches in Islam
	Review the Questions for Discussion and Review on pages 73-74		
October 2-9	Pages 75-104	Review Comprehension Questions for Judaism: Monotheism. Memorize Terms: 13 Terms (2 per day) Review the other study questions	G-d in the context of covenant. G-d in the context of justice G-d in the context of Shoah
October 9-16	Pages 105-133	Review Comprehension Questions for Christianity: Monotheism Memorize Terms: 16 Terms (2-3 per day) Review the other study questions	God Incarnate Different conceptions of how God/Christ saves in the various branches of Christianity.
October 16-18	Pages 134-151	Review Comprehension Questions for Islam: Monotheism Memorize Terms: 6 Terms (1-2 per day) Review the other study questions.	Shahada Five Doctrines
	Review the Questions for Discussion and Review on pages 152-153	Review all the material on Blackboard. Review all the questions and terms.	ATTEND ONE OF THE STUDY TUTORIALS: TBA.

OCTOBER 23	EXAM		
October 25		Bahai Summary	History of Bahai Scripture of Bahai Basic Beliefs and Practices of Bahai
October 30-November 6	Pages 213-234	Review Comprehension Questions for Judaism: Worship & Ritual Memorize Terms: 16 Terms (2-3 per day)	Concepts of Sacred Time Worship Rites of Passage Home as Sacred Place Synagogue
November 6 –15	Pages 235-254	Review Comprehension Questions for Christianity: Worship & Ritual Memorize Terms: 16 Terms (2-3 per day)	Eucharist Sacraments Different Branches with different ideas of ritual
November 15-20	Pages 256-273	Review Comprehension Questions for Islam: Worship & Ritual Memorize Terms: 13 Terms (1-2 per day)	Five Pillars Orthopraxy
	Review the Questions for Discussion and Review on pages 274- 75.	Review all the material on Blackboard. Review all the questions and terms.	ATTEND ONE OF THE STUDY TUTORIALS: TBA.
NOVEMBER 22	EXAM		
November 27-December 4	Pages 341-416	Develop your own study questions and list of terms.	Material Culture as Religious Expression.
DECEMBER 6	QUIZZ		