

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
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Course: Religious Studies 201 L01 - World Religions Western
Time: TR 9:30-10:45

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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.

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
First Exam:	Thursday February 11, 2010
Christianity <i>Chapter Four</i>	Modern Issues Historical Understanding behind the Issues Modernity Postmodernity
Second Exam:	Thursday, March 18, 2010
Islam <i>Chapter Five</i> <i>Chapter Six</i>	Modern Issues Historical Understanding being the Issues Modernity Postmodernity
Third Exam	Scheduled by the Registrar

Course Requirements:

1. First Exam

In-Class Exam [**Thursday February 11**]

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.
Material includes lectures from Jan 14th to Feb 9th and chapters 1 and 3.

2. Second Exam

In-Class Exam [**Thursday March 18**]

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.
Material includes lectures from Feb 23rd to March 16th and chapter 4.

3. Third Exam

TBA: Scheduled by the Registrar.

Consisting of a combination of fill-in-the-blank, short and long answers.
Material includes lectures from March 23rd to April 15th and chapters 5 and 6.

Two of the exams will be weighted at 30% and one will be weighted at 40%. The exam weighted at 40% will be the exam in which the student received the highest score.

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.

There will be a 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

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>.