

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
Winter 2010

**Rels 201 L03**  
*World Religions - Western*

**TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2010**

<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Time</b>	Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-3:15pm
	<b>Location</b>	ST 132
	<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. David A. Bergen <a href="mailto:dabergen@ucalgary.ca">dabergen@ucalgary.ca</a> 403-220-7063
	<b>Office Hours</b> (SS 1308)	Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00am
	<b>Textbooks</b>	Assigned Wikipedia pages and posted materials in Blackboard (“Course Documents”).
<b>Course Description</b>	This course will study Jewish, Christian, and Muslim thought and behaviour (or in religious studies terms, mythology and ritual) as outcomes of an evolved, naturally-selected human biology. In keeping with a university-level education, the assessments of this course will emphasize broad understanding, though not at the expense of some knowledge of the factual details of each religious tradition.	
<b>Learning Assessment</b>	Three equally-weighted midterm exams (for exam dates see the course schedule forthcoming in Blackboard, “Course Information”)	60%
	Registrar-scheduled final exam (two hours)	40%

**NOTES:**

- while it is permissible to register in this class as late as the second week of the term, it is not advisable. If you have joined the class late, you should realize that significant course material course has already been presented and that your late arrival places you at some disadvantage.
- tests and assignments must be written/submitted on the dates scheduled. No exceptions will be made, except for death, significant illness, or domestic affliction (corroborated by a valid, original note from a physician or counselor). You should contact the instructor within twenty-four hours of a missed exam or deadline.
- a variety of testing styles will be used throughout the term; True/False, Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-Blank, Short Answer, Long Answer, Essay, etc.
- please note that the University of Calgary regulations strictly prohibit the following during examinations (the penalty for which is suspension or expulsion or such other penalty as may be determined):
  - speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever;

- bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, or document not authorized by the examiner;
- leaving answer papers exposed to view or attempting to read other student's examination work.
- the assessments offered in this course will be geared to rewarding students who are conscientious in their attendance, participation, and preparation of classes.
- electronic communication devices should not be used during class. If you wish to use a laptop computer for the purpose of recording lecture information, you must first ask the instructor for permission.
- if you are anticipating a class absence you should find a classmate willing to loan his/her notes; no lecture notes will be available from the instructor.

**Grading Scale**

A numerical grade is assigned for each course requirement. Following the final graded component, a letter grade is assigned, using the department-approved table of equivalencies:

A+ 100-96	B+ 84.9-80	C+ 69.9-65	D+ 54.9-53
A 95.9-90	B 79.9-75	C 64.9-60	D 52.9-50
A- 89.9-85	B- 74.9-70	C- 59.9-55	F under 50

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

**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. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.*

**Important Dates**

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

**Academic Accommodation**

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you 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.

**Course Withdrawal**

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

**Lecture Recording**

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

**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!

**Gnosis**

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