

**University of Calgary
Faculty of Humanities
Department of Religious Studies
Winter 2010**

Course: RELS 389 L01 “Modern Christianity: 1600 - Present”

Time: MWF 09:00 – 09:50

Class Location: ST 057

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Textbooks

Gonzalez, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity, Volume 2 The Reformation to the Present Day*. HarperCollins, 1985.

Petrov, Sergey. *Course Pack Reading Assignments: “RELS 389, Modern Christianity: 1600 - Present,”* University of Calgary, 2010. Available at the Copy Centre.

Course Description

The course surveys Christianity’s response to Modernity from the Early Modern and Enlightenment periods through to the Contemporary period. Classes will be devoted to lectures, films, and discussion of assigned readings in the textbook and in the Course Pack and supplementary materials.

Course Objectives

Students should acquire a basic understanding of important issues, individuals, texts and movements within worldwide Christianity during the Modern era. Students will gain historical perspective on some key religious concepts and problems through examining such topics as the Protestant Reformation, radical Reformation movements, the rise of secularism, religiously motivated migrations, the Christian mission, liberal and fundamentalist forms of Christianity. Students should gain a knowledge of and critical appreciation for the history and ongoing issues in contemporary Christianity.

Tentative Course Schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Assigned Reading</i>
Wk 1	Jan. 11	Course Pack Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 1, 2, 3,
Wk 2	Jan. 18	CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 6, 7, 8
Wk 3	Jan. 25	CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 11, 12, 13

Wk 4 Feb. 1 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 14, 17, 18

Wk 5 Feb. 8 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 19, 20, 21

READING DAYS: FEBRUARY 14-21

Wk 6 Feb. 22 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 22, 23, 24
Book Reviews are due.

Wk 7 Mar. 1 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 25, 27

Wk 8 Mar. 8 CP Readings; Gonzalez; chap. 26, 28

Wk 9 Mar. 15 CP Readings; Gonzalez; chap. 29, 30

Wk 10 Mar. 22 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 31, 32

Wk 11 Mar 29 CP Readings; Gonzalez 33, 34

Wk 12 Apr. 5 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 35
Essays are due.

Wk 13 Apr. 12 CP Readings; Gonzalez, chap. 36

Learning Assessment

1. Students are expected and encouraged to attend lectures and participate actively in classroom discussions (such as discussions of assigned readings, hand-out articles, videos, asking relevant questions, etc.) At the discretion of the instructor, **students may earn or lose up to 5% of their final grade** based on their classroom participation.
2. Write a **1,000 word Book Review**. The list of books for review will be available from the instructor. Due on February, 22nd. (20%)
3. Write a **2,000 word Essay** on a significant issue, movement or individual from the time period covered in this course. The paper should offer a clear, well-supported thesis. The research bibliography should include pertinent primary source evidence, and at least three scholarly journal articles and five scholarly books. The essay should follow scholarly standards of composition, citation and bibliography. Pages should be numbered. Due on April, 5th. (40%)

Late assignments or essays will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made or a valid medical certificate is submitted.

4. **A Registrar administered Final Exam** in a multiple choice format based on the whole course. (40%)

Grading:

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. 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

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. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor. Students should be familiar with University regulations regarding academic integrity; see the relevant pages 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 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.