

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

04/08/25

Course: Religious Studies 485 L01: Advanced Studies in Early Christianity  
Time: TR 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.  
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Textbooks:

- 1) Blowers, Paul M. Ed. *The Bible in Greek Christian Antiquity*. Notre Dame, Indiana: U of Notre Dame P, 1997.
- 2) Handbook of Rhetorical Terms.

Highly Recommended

- 1) SBL Style Handbook

Course Description:

This course will be a thematic presentation of one of the major issues within Early Christianity (100-800 CE): the interpretation of the scripture. Questions to be addressed during the seminar will include: the evolution of the biblical canon; the development of authority for the “New Testament”; the forms of interpretation employed by the church apologists and fathers and the socio-historical context from which these interpretation arose and the contexts they addressed.

Outcomes:

The course is intended to develop specific core competencies and skills. These will include: 1) critical and creative thinking/reasoning, 2) problem solving, 3) interpreting information, 4) awareness and ability to deal with diversity, 5) responding critically to both primary and secondary materials, 6) creating knowledge from information, 7) communication skills and 8) persuading and influencing others. The seminar format of the course means students will be interactive participants in the presentation of the course material and they will engage in one major research project that is designed to model graduate work.

Course Outline: (This is a provisional outline only)

## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The tradition and scripture of Early Christianity
  1. What are the traditions and scripture?
  2. What is canon ?

Blowers: chpts. 1-4

- B. The methods of interpretation
  1. Intertextuality
  2. Classical Rhetoric

Blowers, chpts.. 5-9

- C. The vehicles for the expression of interpretation
  1. Beyond Doctrine

Blowers, chpts. 13-20

## Course Requirements

- 1) Oral and Written Presentation: **Due: October 12-14**
- a) Analysis of Primary Sources in reference to Final Research Paper (5-10 pages, double-spaced) 20%
  - b) Oral Presentation to the Class as part of the seminar context 10%
- 2) Oral and Written Presentation **Due: November 1-4, 2004**
- a) Analysis of Secondary Sources in reference to Final Research Paper (5-10 pages, double-spaced) 20%
  - b) Oral Presentation to the Class as part of the seminar context 10%
- 3) Research Essay
- a) Combined presentation of the analysis of the primary and secondary sources (10-15 pages, double-spaced) **Due: December 2, 2004** 10%
  - b) Oral presentation of the paper. **Due: Between Dec 7-9, 2004** 10%
- 4) Class Participation 20%
- This will take the form of two oral presentations on subjects related to the class discussion. The presentations will involve a precise of one of the chapters in Blowers.

The adherence to deadlines is taken as a serious requirement and responsibility of the students 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.

Recording of lectures:

Recording any part of any lectures in any form must first approved be 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 :

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