

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION**

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2014

Course RELS 205 L02: Religion and the Good Life
Time TR 11:00-12:15
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Required Text(s): Hermann Hesse: *Siddhartha* translated by Susan Bernofsky, Modern Library,
Friedrich Nietzsche *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo*, translated Walter Kaufmann,
Confucius: *The Analects* . Oxford World Classic, 2008.

Lu Xun, *The True Story of Ah Q and other Tales of China*, Penguin 2009.

Additional required readings will be posted on Desire2Learn. Viewing of several films will also be compulsory.

If you already own other editions of any of these texts, you are welcome to use them.

Course Description: Students will be explore the intersection of religious, cultural, philosophical and social phenomena through the lens of religious, philosophical and literary texts as well as film. Texts have been chosen from Western as well as Asian traditions.

Online elements for this course: Readings will be posted on Desire2Learn.

Core Competencies: An emphasis will be placed on developing analytical and critical thinking skills. Class attendance is therefore essential.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)
Oct. 9	Test	45
Nov. 4	Test	45
Nov. 27	Test	10*

*Students may choose to count their lowest grade for 10% and their highest two grades for 45%.

Policies

1. I do not make my lecture notes available to students. If you miss class, you should try to borrow lecture notes from another student in class.

2. All exams must be written in order to pass the course. Students may not leave the examination room until handing in the completed exam. Anyone caught cheating will receive a grade of 0.
3. Students are to be fully engaged in class. Talking to other students or on cell phones, texting, tweeting, watching videos, internet surfing and listening to music are all prohibited. Students who engage in these activities will be asked to leave the lecture hall since it is disruptive to other students as well as the instructor.
4. Students should regularly check the email that is registered with the university for class announcements.

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religion:

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.

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:

Exams must be written on the exam date. In the case of a missed exam, students *must* contact the instructor no later than 24 hours after the missed exams. All make-up exams will be held during the last week of classes and will be completely different from the original exam. Make-up exams are only allowed in cases of emergency and require official documentation (doctor's note, bereavement notice, police report).

Expectations for student conduct in this course:

Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with courtesy and respect, both in the classroom and online.

Students are responsible for attending classes and for reading and reflecting upon all class material, including film. My lectures offer analyses and interpretations of the readings, not summaries.

Students are also responsible for checking their email for announcements from the instructor. Note, you should check the email that is registered with the university.

Electronic Device Policy: No electronic equipment will be permitted during lecture times. This includes laptops, Ipads, Ipods and cell phones. If you have a disability that prevents you from

taking notes by hand, you should provide a doctor's note or a note from Student Accessibility Services.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

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 (section K, which can be found here:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.) If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require 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. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

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>.

Classics Student Society

Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: classsoc@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of

Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.

- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.