

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Fall 2012**

Course: Religious Studies 201 L03: World Religions – Western

Time: TR 15:30-16:45

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Office Hours: TR 11:00am-12:00pm, 2:00-3:00pm. W 9:00-11:00am (except Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>)

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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.

This course will also make use of Top Hat Monocle. This means students will need to subscribe to this service. This service is used in other courses. The subscription fee is per student; not per course. The fee is between \$20 (for a term) or \$38 for a five year subscription. Details about how to subscribe will be posted on the course Blackboard page.

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.

*This will be an interactive class. This means students will be responsible for reading thoroughly portions of the textbooks on their own prior to class. The class time will be used to discuss, analyze, and investigate the material and the implications in terms of comprehending the significance of Western Religions within the public sphere and, in particular, Canadian society.*

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.
- Awareness and ability to deal with diversity, including societal, political, and ethical issues.

Self-Directed Study

Students are expected to develop skills of time management, organization and independent learning through assigned readings and preparation for exams.

Course Requirements:

**A. Session Exams:**

1. First Exam

In-Class Exam [**Thursday October 4th**]

**25%**

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.

Material includes classroom discussions from Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> and chapters 1 and 3.

2. Second Exam 25%

In-Class Exam [**Thursday October 25**]

Consisting of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the blank and short answers.

Material includes classroom discussions from Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and chapter 4

3. Third Exam 25%

In-Class Exam [**Thursday November 22**]

Consisting of a combination of fill-in-the-blank, short and long answers.

Material includes classroom discussions from Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to Nov 22 and chapter 5

**B. Pop Quizzes and Participation Marks 25%**

Throughout the course, using Top Hat Monocle, students will be required to answer various questions presented during class time. Each question will include a participation mark and/or a mark for context.

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. *No deferrals are granted for pop quizzes and/or participation marks.*

***\*There will not be a Registrar scheduled final examination for 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

Course Outline:

The following outline will be considered a provisional guide only to the content of the course.

**First Session: Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

Introduction: What is Religion?

*Chapter One* Categories for our Examination

Judaism Modern Issues

*Chapter Three* Historical Understanding behind the Issues

Modernity

Postmodernity

**Second Session: October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Christianity Modern Issues

*Chapter Four* Historical Understanding behind the Issues

Modernity

Postmodernity

**Third Session: October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

Islam Modern Issues

*Chapter Five* Historical Understanding being the Issues

Modernity

Postmodernity

## **Fourth Session: November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Globalization, Regionalism and Transformation

*Chapter Six*

### **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.

### **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.

### **Blackboard Help**

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQ's about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>. Instructions for using the Digital Drop Box are available here: [http://library.blackboard.com/docs/r6/6\\_1/student/bbbs\\_r6\\_1\\_student/digital\\_drop\\_box.htm](http://library.blackboard.com/docs/r6/6_1/student/bbbs_r6_1_student/digital_drop_box.htm).

### **Gnosis**

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: [gnosis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:gnosis@ucalgary.ca) or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

### **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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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](http://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.