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Course Outline

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**Religious Studies 201 L01** Course Outline, Winter 2011  
**World Religions—Western** MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am  
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**Textbook:**

Theodore M. Ludwig, *The Sacred Paths of the West* (Third Edition)

It is also recommended that students have a copy of the **Bible** (containing Old and New Testaments)

**Course Description:**

*"An Introductory study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam."*

This course will examine the history of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, tracing their development from their foundational scriptures - the Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Qur'an - and subsequent developments in their observances, communal structures and ideas.

- **Judaism:**
  - Historical outline: The Hebrew Bible, its structure and historical scope (Text: 95-103). Second Temple and Talmudic Judaism (103-106). The Medieval and modern eras (106-114).
  - Main institutions: Torah, monotheism, religious law, ritual and ethics (115-141).
- **Christianity:**
  - Historical outline: The New Testament, its structure and contents. The life and teachings of Jesus (143-150). The evolution of the Church and Christian theology (150-157). Medieval branches of Christianity: Roman Catholicism and Byzantine Orthodoxy (157-160). The Protestant Reformation and the Counter-Reformation (160-165).
  - Main institutions: Worship, sacraments, festivals 167-193).

- **Islam:**
  - Historical outline: The life of the prophet Muhammad (196-204). Medieval and modern developments (204-219).
  - Main institutions: The Qur'an and its central beliefs (220-229). Sunnis and Shi'ites, Sufism, the "Five Pillars of Islam" (220-245).

**Course Requirements:**

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| Class test on Judaism:      | March 2                      |
| Class test on Christianity: | April 1                      |
| Class test on Islam:        | To be scheduled by registrar |

The weights of the three tests will be computed as 40%, 30% and 30%, with the 40% grade assigned to the test in which the student received the highest score.

**Grading System:**

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 (standardized within the Department of Religious Studies):

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|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| <b>A+</b> | 100 - 96 | <b>A</b> | 95 - 90 | <b>A-</b> | 89 - 85    |
| <b>B+</b> | 84 - 80  | <b>B</b> | 79 - 75 | <b>B-</b> | 74 - 70    |
| <b>C+</b> | 69 - 65  | <b>C</b> | 64 - 60 | <b>C-</b> | 59 - 55    |
| <b>D+</b> | 54 - 53  | <b>D</b> | 52-50   | <b>F</b>  | 50 or less |

**Plagiarism:**

Students should be familiar with University regulations regarding academic integrity, as set down in the University Calendar

**Academic Accommodation:**

It is a student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at (403) 220-8237. Your academic accommodation letters should be provided to your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.  
(DRC web address is: [http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/Others/DRC/.](http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/Others/DRC/))

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new 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 (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of MacEwan Student Centre.
- 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.