

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2016

**Course** Religious Studies 335 L01: Ritual & Religion  
**Time** Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.  
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**Required Text(s):** Grimes, Ronald L. *The Beginnings in Ritual Studies* 3<sup>rd</sup>. Waterloo: Ritual Studies International, 2010.

**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Ritual Studies, specifically as it has developed within Religious Studies. Ritual is understood as the examination of embodied action or performative phenomena within a group and, while it tends to be associated with religion, the analysis of rituals now extends to other group activities and provides a lens through which various disciplines may examine, and comprehend diverse social behavior such as; spectator sports, rave parties, bridal showers, goddess circles, and the delivery of babies

**Online elements for this course:**

Articles and Handouts will be posted on D2L

**Core Competencies:**

1. Students will identify, describe and differentiate the various typologies of ritual.
2. Students will acquire the observational strategies used in observing and analyzing rituals.
3. Students will examine the individual components and systems involved in the creation of rituals.
4. Students will analyze the connections between rituals and social/religious institutions.
5. Students, using the insights provided by ritual studies, will develop, formulate and document their own evaluations of a ritual.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)
February 9	Exam	30
March 3	Essay	25
March 17	Thesis & Bibliography	15
April 7	Research Paper	25

## 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, 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.

## 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](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, or librarian staff.

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

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- 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).

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