

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

04/09/03

**FALL TERM 2004
RELS 349 L01 - NATIONALISM AND RELIGION**

INSTRUCTOR	Irving Hexham
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT	Chang Han Kim
CLASS TIME	R 2-4.45
OFFICE/OFFICE HOURS	SS 1310 / R 11:00-noon or by appointment
TELEPHONE	220-3280
E-MAIL	hexham@ucalgary.ca ucchkim@hotmail.com
WEB SITE	http://www.ucalgary.ca/~hexham

Objectives of course and expected outcomes:

To create an appreciation of the dynamic interaction between religious and political beliefs and movements which view nationalism as a pseudo religion. At the end of the course students ought to be able to discuss questions of nationalism and religion in an intelligent manner.

Organization of the course:

The lectures will concentrate on Afrikaner Nationalism, Black Theologies, and German National Socialism. Students will be asked to research aspects of nationalism in other cultural settings and to reflect on the existential meaning of nationalism.

Teaching/Learning Style:

This is a traditional university course that emphasizes reading and individual research by the student.

Textbooks:

Anthony D Smith, *Chosen Peoples*.
Donald Harman Akenson, *God's Peoples*.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

All tests will be based on the lectures plus the readings. The weighting for these course components is as follows:

Alternative One:

First Test	Thursday 14 October – you need to read Smith before this test	40%
Second Test	Thursday 25 November – you need to read Akenson before this test.	40%
Research assignment	Thursday 9 December	20%

The research assignment will not be returned to students unless there is a dispute about the grading.

Alternative Two:

Not for the fainthearted. With the permission of Dr. Hexham you may, if you wish, submit one major research assignment upon which your entire grade will depend. This option is not generally recommended but is available for people who have a clear topic in mind and can prove their writing skills. Prior discussion with Dr. Hexham is mandatory.

A letter grade will be assigned for the course on the basis of 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.

CORE COMPETENCIES

At the end of this course students ought to be able to:

- a) Discuss in an informed manner the nature of nationalism and its religious componets.
- b) Critically evaluate academic books on nationalism.
- c) think critically about religious arguments;
- d) appreciate the importance of using correct academic methods intelligently;
- e) be able to make informed judgment about the reliability of specific books and texts

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 :

"You don't have to walk alone...." Call 220-5333 and a member of the Safewalk Team will walk you to your car, the LRT, or any destination on campus. Safewalk is available to all students, staff and faculty any time of the day or night. Look for the Campus Security Help Phones located throughout the University. Please don't hesitate to call!

Withdrawing from courses:

Please note the information regarding withdrawals and fee refunds in the Academic Schedule of the current University Calendar.

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>.