

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
RELS 379 L01  
EASTERN RELIGIONS IN THE WEST  
Winter 2007**

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<b>Class time and room</b>	9:30 -10:45 TR
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**Required Text:**

Hexham, Irving & Poewe, Karla. *New Religions as Global Cultures.*  
Poewe, Karla. *New Religions and the Nazis.*

Other readings needed for the in-class tests will be posted on the Internet at:  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~hexham/courses/rels-379.html>

**Course Description:**

This course will explore the role of “Eastern religions” in the West and the interaction between Eastern religions and the West with a focus on Europe and North America. The course will provide the student with an in-depth knowledge of basic issues and methodologies used in the study of the topic as well as a general understanding of the historic development, in a seminar structured class.

**Core Competencies:**

Students will be exposed to historic and cultural elements with regard to Eastern religions in the West. Anthropological, sociological, and historic methodologies will be demonstrated. Prominent figures, problems, and movements will be studied. Students will also be instructed in proper presentation of their findings in both the oral and written forms.

**Course Requirements:**

There will be one test, one research paper, and an oral presentation used in the evaluation of student’s work.

A research paper (10-12 pages of text, typed, double spaced, notes and bibliography) is required for this course. Research topics are open within the confines of the course description above, but must be approved by the professor.

Only hard copy papers will be accepted.

Test	27 February worth 40% of the final grade
Paper	11 April worth 25% of the final grade
Presentation	Dates to be assigned worth 25% of final grade
Class Participation	Worth 10% of the final grade.

Students wanting their papers returned should provide a self addressed stamped envelope (large enough to hold the paper). Dates of the oral presentations will be determined early in the term and announced.

- \* Students must take the test on the assigned day or have a valid medical note.
- \* Late papers will lose 10 points per day.

**\* There will be no Registrar scheduled Final Exam for this course**

### 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:

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.

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.

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Please don't hesitate to call!

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