

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

**COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2014**

**Course** RELS 387 L01 “Scholastics, Mystics, and Reformers: Christianity 800-1600”  
**Time** TuTh 14:00 - 15:15  
**Instructor** Dr. Douglas Shantz  
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**Textbooks**

Joseph H. Lynch, Phillip C. Adamo. *The Medieval Church: A Brief History*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Routledge, 2013.  
 Website: <http://www.routledge.com/cw/adamo-9780582772984/>  
 John C. Olin ed. *Christian Humanism and the Reformation: Selected Writings of Erasmus*. New York: Fordham University, 2000.  
 Hans J. Hillerbrand ed. *The Protestant Reformation, Revised Edition*. Harper Perennial, 2009.  
 Euan Cameron, *The European Reformation*, Second Edition. Oxford University Press, 2012.

**Course Description**

The course surveys significant issues, individuals, and movements within European Christianity from the ninth century to the Early Modern period. Key features of Medieval Christianity and the 16<sup>th</sup> century Reformation will be examined. Classes are devoted to lectures and discussion of assigned readings.

**Course Requirements**

- 1) **Class Preparation** in reading assigned texts and **Participation** in Thursday class discussions are essential. (10%)
- 2) Write a 1,200 word **Historical Analysis** of either Erasmus’ “Paraclesis” or his “Letter to Paul Volz” as found in the Olin text. Follow the Guide provided in this syllabus. This is not a research paper but a closely documented commentary on the Erasmus text. Students should cite the Erasmus text in support of their analysis and properly document all references to the book. Due in class on Feb. 13. (20%)
- 3) **Mid-term Exam** based on lectures and assigned reading: Thursday, February 27. (30%)
- 4) Write a **2,500 word Research Essay** based on a significant issue, movement or individual from the time period covered in this course. The paper should offer a clear, well-supported thesis. The research bibliography should include pertinent primary source evidence and inter-act with at least three scholarly journal articles and six books. The essay should follow the Chicago or MLA style sheet in terms of composition, citations, and bibliography. Pages should be numbered. Due: Tuesday, April 1. (30%)
- 5) **Class Test** based on reading and lectures in the second half of the course, on the last day of class, April 10. (10%)

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, standardized within the Department of Religious Studies:

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| A+ | 100 - 96  | A | 95.9 - 90 | A- | 89.9 - 85 |
| B+ | 84.9 - 80 | B | 79.9 - 75 | B- | 74.9 - 70 |
| C+ | 69.9 - 65 | C | 64.9 - 60 | C- | 59.9 - 55 |
| D+ | 54.9 - 53 | D | 52.9-50   | F  | Under 50  |

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

### **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 Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services 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: [gno-sis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:gno-sis@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.