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Faculty of Humanities
Department of Religious Studies

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Instructor:

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Modern Christianity: 1600 - Present

Lecture: TR (2:00 - 4:45 pm)

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Textbook:

1) Philip Jenkins

2) Dyron Daugherty, University of Calgary

The Next Christendom

Modern Christianity: 1600 - Present, Course Reading Pak

Course Description:

Christianity is not only the largest religion in the world, it is a global religion. This was not always the case; it was the result of missionary efforts largely from Western Europe and North America. Today, Christianity is in nearly every country on the planet. This course surveys modern Christianity (1600 to the present) in its manifold, colorful guises. From South Korea to South America, from South Africa to South Carolina, we will look at modern Christianity mainly from an historical perspective. Other methods will be employed however as we think socially, theologically, anthropologically, and politically.

We will see that while Christianity is becoming less relevant in Western Europe as secularization continues to occur, there are many places where Christianity is vibrant and growing rapidly. Pentecostalism, modernism, global missions, ecumenism, and interreligious dialogue are a few of our areas of concern in this course. We will also be investigating regional Christianity such as Orthodoxy in the Middle East, Zionism in Africa, and Christianity in India.

Competencies:

Students will gain historical and social awareness of global Christianity over the last 400 years. S/he should acquire and develop a number of skills such as critical reading, analytical interaction with academic writing, organizing and presenting research, and the clear expression of ideas. Being an upper-level course, it is assumed that students have taken Religious Studies 201 or 273.

Course Format:

The pedagogical format for this course will include lectures, discussions, the use of internet and video, and student presentations. The course will revolve largely around class discussions based on the readings. Thus, students will be expected to have gained literacy on the relevant topics *prior to each class session*. Students will be fully informed of what readings will be required of them prior to each class meeting.

Course Requirements:

Exam #1 (May 30)	25%
Exam #2 (June 15)	25%
Individual Research Project and Presentation (June 20,22,27)	25%
Exam #3 (June 28-30, TBA by Registrar)	25%

Assessment:

Exams: Students will take three exams throughout the term, each worth 25% of the course. Exams will be made up of short answer, fill in the blank, matching, true/false, and other evaluative methods. Each exam will cover a portion of the Jenkins text, a portion of the reader, and lectures.

Individual Research Project and Presentation: The student presentations will be at the end of the term. Students will be given a choice of topics early on so that they can be researching and preparing. The individual project is an opportunity for students to explore topics of their own interest. This project is based on three components: a handout, a 30 minute presentation, and a three page self-evaluation of the student's own research experience. There will be a detailed handout distributed early on in the term that fully explains the individual project. Some material from the student presentations will be examined on the final exam.

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.

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:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you 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.

Gnosis:

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