

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION
COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2020**

Course: RELS 398

Time: Online Only

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Required text(s):

- Chapple, Christopher K. and Mary E. Tucker (eds.) *Hinduism and Ecology: The Intersection of Earth, Sky, and Water* (Boston, MA: Harvard University Press)

- Journal articles/book chapters posted to D2L

Course description:

This course considers issues in environmental ethics and animal ethics in the contexts of a variety of Hindu religious traditions.

Online elements for this course:

As of March 12, this course is entirely online. The midterm exam and final paper assignment will be available on D2L, and will be submitted on D2L.

Discussion Lists will also be available for topics in this course, and for use in reviewing for the midterm and paper.

There will be two Zoom calls - one to review for the midterm (this call will take place Thursday, March 19 from 1:45 - 3:30), and one to review for the final paper (this call will take place Thursday, Apr. 9 from 2:00 - 3:15)

All office hours are on Zoom.

Core Competencies:

Successful students will learn about the beliefs and practices within certain Hindu religious traditions as they relate to the environment and animals.

Successful students will extract arguments from published papers.

Successful students will evaluate arguments from published papers.

Successful students will write original arguments and/or objections to arguments extracted from published papers.

Successful students will revise written work based on peer feedback.

Successful students will compare and/or synthesize the views of different traditions.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Paper One	30	NO
Tuesday, Mar. 24	Online Midterm Exam	40	NO
Tuesday, Apr. 14	Final Paper	30	NO

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, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

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.

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:

Students must submit assignments and take exams at the scheduled times. Students who miss or plan to miss an assignment or exam for justified reasons should complete a statutory declaration. More information can be found here:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/appeals/facultystaff-faq>

Expectations for student conduct in this course:

I expect students to arrive on time with assignments and readings completed. (AND late students should still come to class! Better to arrive late than not at all!) Participation in discussion must be respectful. Avoid racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, etc. language!

Electronic Device Policy:

Students can record lectures with written consent.

Syllabus:

A syllabus/course schedule will be made available before the first day of class.

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.

Student Accommodations/Accessibility:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

If a student has difficulty receiving the accessibility needed for this course through Student Accessibility Services, please contact me directly at chris.framarin@ucalgary.ca or by appointment.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help:

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- 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 Block.

Freedom of Information and Privacy:

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): https://www.ucalgary.ca/hr/freedom_of_information_and_protection_of_privacy

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page

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 <https://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/> for more information. The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@su.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. 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 hours per day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.

Health and Wellness:

There are services available to students to help with physical and mental health, including the SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

Learn more about the Campus Mental Health Strategy here: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>

Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration:

Students who are absent from class assessments (tests, participation activities, or other assignments) should inform their instructors as soon as possible. Instructors may request that evidence in the form of documentation be provided and the student should provide the documentation they feel best supports their case. For information on possible forms of documentation, including statutory declarations, please see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>.