

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION**

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2016

Course Religious Studies 399.02 L01: Religion & Film: Quest for Meaning
Time MTWRF 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. January 4-8 , 2016
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Required Text(s):

All readings for the course will be posted on D2L

Course Description: S. Brent Plate, in his book *Religion and Film* notes: “Religion and film are akin. They both function by recreating the known world and then presenting that alternative version of the world to their viewers/worshippers. ... The result of both religion and film is a re-created world: a world of recreation, a world of fantasy, a world of ideology, a world that we may long to live in or a world we wish to avoid at all costs. As an alternative world is presented at the altar or on the screen, that projected world is connected to the world of the everyday, and boundaries, to a degree, become crossable.” This course will examine the world-making of fantasy realms both within religions and films. **Please Note: Due to the subject matter of the course, some of the films are classified as MATURE.**

Online elements for this course: D2L

Core Competencies:

Students are expected to develop skills of independent learning in RELS 399.02 - acquired primarily by dealing with assigned readings, reflecting on films viewed during class, study and preparation for examinations and in doing critical analysis for the essay requirements.

The knowledge acquired in RELS 399.02 will allow students to demonstrate competencies specific to the research areas of Religion in Popular Culture - albeit at a 300 course acquiring basic knowledge about Religious ideas and themes within Popular Culture and reflecting on that knowledge in a critical manner (*krino*: "to judge, assess, analyze") students should gain abilities that are transferable to other learning situations and career settings.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Jan 5-11	Reaction Paper	20	Yes
Jan 5-8	Oral Presentation	15	Yes
Jan 8	In-Class Essay	20	Yes
Jan 5-8	Thematic Report	10	Yes
Jan 11	Analytical Essay	30	Yes
Feb 1-5	Feedback	5	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, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religion:

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.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

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

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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.

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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 <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> 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 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 for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at 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. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

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