

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION
Course Outline, Winter 2015**

Course: RELS 681.15 L01: “German Writings of Martin Luther”

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Textbooks

Der kleine Katechismus D. Martin Luthers (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1911)

Martin Luther, *Briefe von der Wartburg, 1521/1522* (Eisenach: Wartburg Verlag, 1991)

Sylvia Weigelt, *Der Manner Lust and Freude sein* (Eisenach: Wartburg Verlag, 2011)

Und Sie Werden sein ein Fleisch, ed. Volkmar Joestel und Friedrich Schorlemmer (Wittenberg: Drei Kastanien Verlag 1999)

Course Description

This graduate independent study course provides Laura Jurgens with the opportunity to read original German sources from the writings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). We will meet every two weeks to review and discuss 15 pages of German reading.

Core Competencies

- 1) The student should gain historical literacy in understanding important issues, individuals, texts, and movements in western Christianity during the Modern age.
- 2) Students will gain historical perspective on some key religious issues and problems in our day through examining the rise of critical Biblical scholarship, Christian responses to Darwinian evolution, conflicts between liberal and fundamentalist forms of Christianity, and Christian responses to other world religions and philosophies.
- 3) The student will develop skills in critical thought, reading, writing and oral expression.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)
Whole semester	Meet every two weeks to review readings	80%
April 1	Exam (translation)	20%

Grading

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar 2014-2015:

A+	4.0	Outstanding
A	4.0	Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	Very good performance
B+	3.3	Good performance
B	3.0	Satisfactory performance Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.
B-	2.7	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.
C+	2.3	All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D+	1.3	
D	1.0	
F	0.0	

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

Weekly Schedule

Consult the page entitled “Course Pack Reading Assignments” for weekly CP readings. Bring the *Course Pack* to every class.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Assigned Reading and Class Content</i>
Wk 1	Jan. 14	Reading: <i>Der kleine Katechismus D. Martin Luthers</i> (1529), pp. 3-19.
Wk 3	Jan. 28	Reading: Martin Luther, <i>Briefe von der Wartburg</i> (1521/1522), pp. 12-21, 25-28, 31f.
Wk 5	Feb. 11	Reading: Martin Luther, <i>Briefe von der Wartburg</i> (1521/1522), pp. 45-60.

- Wk 7 Feb. 25 Reading: Sylvia Weigelt, *Der Manner Lust and Freude sein*. 15 pages
- Wk 9 Mar. 11 Reading: Sylvia Weigelt, *Der Manner Lust and Freude sein*. 15 pages
- Wk 11 Mar. 25 Reading: *Und Sie Werden sein ein Fleisch*. 15 pages
- Wk 13 Apr. 8 Reading: *Und Sie Werden sein ein Fleisch*. 15 pages

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, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. 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.

Graduate Student Association Ombudsperson

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.

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 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.