

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

**RELS 685.25 L01: Specialized Studies in the Nature of Religion
Advanced Readings in Hermeneutics**

Course Outline, WINTER 2016
Times to be determined

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Texts:
Paul Ricoeur, *Hermeneutics: Writings and Lectures*, David Pellauer (tr.), Polity, 2013
One Course Pack (Bookstore)

Course Description – Advanced Readings in Hermeneutics

This class will be a study in specific readings that explore the dynamics of contemporary hermeneutics as it moves from the understanding of texts to a mode of philosophy. It will examine key readings in hermeneutics that illustrate this development, looking particularly at the mediated nature of subjectivity involved, the act of interpretation itself with its implications of a change in ways of understanding and explanation, and the application of the insights received as a practical application with ethical implications. Theorists and philosophers discussed will be Husserl, Heidegger, Gadamer, and Ricoeur.

Core Competencies:

As this is a theoretical course which covers the philosophical developments of hermeneutics, students will learn both and modes the technical terminology and the basic of philosophical arguments that inform contemporary hermeneutics. The emphasis will be placed on the role of historicity. Thus students will begin to appreciate the crucial role of context, both personal and communal, and the influence of cultural presuppositions. All of these skills will be employed both in the writings of reaction papers and the major essay.

Course Requirements

3 written assignments of 5 pages	45%
1 Essay - 3,000 words (due Apr. 9)	<u>55%</u>
	100%

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam

Recommended Books

J. Grondin, *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics...*

Grading

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar 2015-2016:

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.

References and Bibliography:

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Academic Honesty

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