

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2015

<b>Course:</b>	<b>RELS 685.41 L01</b> <b>Specialized Studies in the Nature of Religion</b> <b>Spanish Medieval Mysticisms</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>Dr. Rachel Schmidt</b>
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**Required Text(s):**

Ibn al-Arabi. *The Bezels of Wisdom*. Trans. Ralph Austin. Paulist Press.  
Moses de León. *Zohar, Book of Enlightenment*. Trans. Daniel Matt. Paulist Press.  
Teresa de Cartagena. *The Writings of Teresa de Cartagena*. Trans. Dayle Seidenspinner-Nuñez.  
Boydell and Brewer.  
Teresa de Avila. *Interior Castle*. Trans. E. Allison Peers. Dover Thrift Editions.

**Optional Text(s):**

Students are encouraged to read the texts in their original language when possible.

**Course Description:**

The study of Sufism, Kabbalah and Roman Catholic mystical expression in Medieval and Early Modern Iberia.

**Online elements for this course:**

**( if any)**

Primary and secondary texts to be made available through D2L.

**Core Competencies:**

Analysis of primary and secondary texts, understanding of theoretical approaches to the subject matter, knowledge of historical and social context, advanced bibliographical skills, written and oral expression of student's own critical analysis of primary texts, improved proficiency in languages necessary for research in the field.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Handed out on Sept. 30, handed in on Oct. 2	Exam 1	15%	Required
Handed out on 26 Oct, handed in on 28 Oct.	Exam 2	15%	Required
Handed out on Dec. 2, handed in on Dec. 4	Exam 3	15%	Required
Nov. 18	Research paper proposal	5%	Required
Dec. 9	Research paper	50%	Required

**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.

**Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:**

**Late assignments will not be accepted without prior consultation with the professor.**

**Expectations for student conduct in this course:**

**The student is strongly advised to attend RELS 367.5**

**Electronic Device Policy:**

**The use of electronic devices is not allowed during class meetings.**

**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](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, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

**Student Accommodations**

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/](http://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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf).

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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.