
RELS 605.02/705.02 L01

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

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CLASS TIME	R 11:00-13:45
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REQUIRED TEXTS

- I. Kant, *Religion Within the Limits of Reason Alone*
- F. Schleiermacher, *On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers*
- P. Hodgkins, ed. *Hegel, Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*
- F. Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*
- E. Levinas, *Ethics and Infinity : Conversations With Philippe Nemo*
- S. Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will study certain major figures and texts in the philosophy of religion. Students will be asked to think critically about some of the important questions that have been raised in connection with knowledge, language, gender and religion. The texts will be studied not just with reference to their historical context, but also their continual relevance for today. As the course will be taught in seminar style, students will be presented with a list of terms and crucial ideas so that they will come to class informed for discussion.

CORE COMPETENCIES

As this is a theoretical course which covers developments in the history of philosophy and religion, students will learn both concepts and arguments, and their historical relevance. Students will thus learn to appreciate the critical roles of context; tools of analysis and philosophical exposition.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Short essays on 5 out of 6 of the philosophers studied, due one week after philosopher is treated in class. (approximately 1200 words each). Due 2nd Oct.; 16th Oct.; 6th Nov.; 20th Nov.; 27th Nov.; 11th Dec.
50%
- 2) 1 final essay, due December 11th 50%

**There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.*

****N.B. Dr. Joy will be absent from the first class. She will leave a set of readings for pick-up from the Department office, SS 1301.****

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:

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.

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. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation:

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre 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.

Gnosis:

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