

Carleton University
College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 4851B
The Thought and Poetry of Rumi
Winter 2011

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Classroom Location: 2A46 Paterson Hall
Class Meetings: Wednesdays, 11:35-2:25
Course Website: Accessible through Carleton WebCT

Course Description

The famous Muslim mystic Jalal al-Din Rumi (d. 1273) has been hailed by many as the greatest love poet of human civilization. The work of this seminar will attempt to understand why that is the case. We will do so by engaging in an in-depth examination of Rumi's metaphysics of love, cosmology, use of symbolism, theology, spiritual psychology, and poetic art through a detailed study of his writings (in translation), situating them in their appropriate religious, historical, and cultural contexts.
Prerequisite: Professor's permission.

Course Texts

Annemarie Schimmel, *Rumi's World* (required)
William Chittick, *The Sufi Path of Love* (required)
Arthur Arberry (trans.), *Mystical Poems of Rumi* (optional)
Franklin Lewis (trans.), *Rumi: Swallowing the Sun* (optional)

Requirement and Due Date (See Course Site for Details)

/100 Research Paper Mar. 30th

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

January 5th

Seeing Things as they Are

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 1
The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 1-26

January 12th

Spirit, Heart, and Intellect

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 2
The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 27-41

January 19th

The Divine

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 3
The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 42-60

January 26th

The Human

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 4
The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 61-107

February 2nd

Saints and Sinners

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 5
The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 111-147

February 9th

The Spiritual Path

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 6
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 148-193

February 16th

The Way of Love

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 7
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 194-231

February 23rd

*** Reading Week, No Class**

March 2nd

Separation and Union

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 8
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 232-247

March 9th

Imagination, Poesy, and Imagery

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 9
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 248-285

March 16th

The Heart-Ravishing Beloved

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 10
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 286-310

March 23rd

Drunkenness and Revelry

Readings: *Rumi's World*, chapter 11
 The Sufi Path of Love, pp. 311-333

March 30th

The Beloved's Beloved

Readings: *The Sufi Path of Love*, pp. 334-349

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.*” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*”

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of “F” for the course

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)	B = 73-76 (8)	C - = 60-62 (4)
A = 85-89 (11)	B- = 70-72 (7)	D+ = 57-59 (3)
A- = 80-84 (10)	C+ = 67-69 (6)	D = 53-56 (2)
B+ = 77-79 (9)	C = 63-66 (5)	D - = 50-52 (1)

F	Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points
ABS	Absent from final examination, equivalent to F
DEF	Official deferral (see “Petitions to Defer”)
FND	Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from **FALL TERM** courses is **DEC. 6, 2010**. The last day to withdraw from **FALL/WINTER (Full Term)** and **WINTER** term courses is **APRIL 5, 2011**.

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the last official day to withdraw from classes in each term. For more details visit the PMC website: carleton.ca/pmc/accommodations/

PETITIONS TO DEFER

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a **FINAL** assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment. If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.

If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please **contact** the Registrar’s Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.

Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.

Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

College of the Humanities 520-2809	300 Paterson
Greek and Roman Studies Office 520-2809	300 Paterson
Religion Office 520-2100	2A39 Paterson
Registrar's Office 520-3500	300 Tory
Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850	302 Tory
Paul Menton Centre 520-6608/TTY 520-3937	501 Uni-Centre
Writing Tutorial Service 520-2600 Ext. 1125	4 th Floor Library
Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125	4 th Floor Library