

Carleton University FALL 2019

RELI 1741 – Global Religions: Identity and Community

The College of the Humanities: Religion

Mondays & Wednesdays 11:35 – 12:55 pm
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Description: (as in the Undergraduate Calendar) An estimated 80% of the world's 7 billion people identify with a religious tradition indicating that knowledge of the world's religions or 'religious literacy' is vital to understanding global issues. This single semester course affords a brief introduction to some of the religions of the world (and their histories) but with a focus on the contemporary: how religious affiliation is playing out today. This course is designed for students wishing to gain introductory knowledge about religious traditions and commitments and their influence on current politics, culture, and international relations.

Rationale: This course is an introduction to major issues in the study of religion in global contexts, drawing on historical and contemporary examples.

Course Objectives: This course aims to give students a broad understanding of some of the world religions, their essential beliefs and practices, and how they have developed throughout time. Through the readings, class lectures, and selected case studies we investigate the importance of context in shaping religious identity, belief, practice, and participation. Students taking this course will have a greater understanding about how religion continues to play an important role in politics, culture, and international relations.

Instruments of Evaluation: The Evaluation Procedures of the university are described in the Undergraduate Calendar. Final grades are subject to the Dean's approval and are not official until that approval has been received. There are four instruments of evaluation plus potential bonus marks. As stated in the Academic Regulations of the University, Section 2.1: “To obtain credit in a course, students must meet all the course requirements for attendance, term work and examinations as published in the course outline.”

Instruments of Evaluation Summary:

Weekly Quizzes	20%	Weekly
Midterm	30%	October 16
Final Examination	35%	During Exam Period
Participation	15%	Participation & Class Assignments
*BONUS MARKS	3%	*See below

Weekly Quizzes (20%):

- Weekly quizzes gauge your attentiveness and help prepare you for tests
- Completed on cuLearn
- Available after class until 23:59 each following Sunday.
- There will be a total of 12 Quizzes
- The best 10 will count towards the final grade
- Content for the quizzes will be based on the previous lecture and required readings
- 5 - 10 questions
- Format: Multiple Choice, Short Answer, and Fill in the Blank
- Time limitations to prevent cheating

NOTE: There are no makeups for quizzes, however extra credit opportunities might be made available and will be announced (see *bonus marks*). If special events relevant to the course arise, your attendance and a short written report could also earn extra credit.

Participation Grade (15%):

- Earned by participating in class and completing class activities or assignments
- Class activities will be random and can happen during any class
- There will be various in-class activities or assignments that will count towards your grade
- Participating in class 3 times over the semester can replace a missed activity

Bonus Marks (+3%):

Students can earn up to 3% extra towards their final grade and/or makeup for missed Quizzes.

OPTION 1: Extra Credit Assignment: attending public lectures on religion at any university in Ottawa and writing a short critical summary on the content (3%) (see separate form on cuLearn)

OPTION 2: Extra Credit Research Presentation: students will be required to do a short 5-7 mins research presentation on topics relevant to any class. Presentations will happen during class time and will be graded out of 10. This option can be done alone or in small groups of 2-3 students. (3%) (see separate form on cuLearn)

NOTE: If you are doing extra credit to makeup for a missed quiz, you must let the instructor know in writing (email preferably).

Text – Required Reading

Paul S. Rowe. 2012. *Religion and Global Politics*. Oxford University Press.

Class Time

Each class will include a lecture and group discussions on the lecture and readings for that day. In addition, there will be various in-class assignments and activities to engage further with class material; these will count towards your participation grade.

Come to class. Attending class is the single most important thing you can do to achieve good results and attendance will be used in assigning a grade.

“Talking” is prohibited. “Participation” is encouraged.

SCHEDULE of CLASSES, READINGS and ASSIGNMENTS

(1) Sept 4	Religious Literacy Review of the Course Outline and Instruments of Evaluation Quiz #1 – Open on cuLearn until 23:59, Sunday 09/08
(2) Sept 9 & 11	Religion in Context Reading: CH 1: Introduction and General Theoretical Overview Quiz #2 – Open on cuLearn until 23:59, Sunday 09/15
(3) Sept 16 & 18	Catholicism Reading: CH 2: The Vatican, Roman Catholicism, and Liberation Quiz #3 – Open on cuLearn until 23:59, Sunday 09/22
(4) Sept 23 & 25	Christianity Reading: CH 3: Christianity and U.S. Foreign Policy Quiz #4 – Open on cuLearn until 23:59, Sunday 09/29

(5) Sept 30/Oct 2 Judaism

Reading: CH 4: Judaism, Zionism, and Israeli Foreign Policy

Quiz #5 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 10/06**

(6) Oct 7 & 9 Islam

Reading: CH 5: Political Islam and the State

Quiz #6 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 10/13**

**HOLIDAY – No class on October 14*

(7) Oct 16 MIDTERM TEST

**READING WEEK – No classes between October 21-25*

(8) Oct 28 & 30 Hinduism

Reading: CH 6: Religion and Politics in India

Quiz #7 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 11/03**

(9) Nov 4 & 6 Buddhism

Reading: CH 7: Buddhism and Politics

Quiz #8 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 11/10**

(10) Nov 11 & 13 Religion and Human Rights

Reading: CH 8: Religion, Democracy, and Human Rights

Quiz #9 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 11/17**

(11) Nov 18 & 20 Religion and Conflict

Reading: CH 9: Religion and War

Quiz #10 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 11/24**

(12) Nov 25 & 27 Religion and Peace

Reading: CH 10: Religion and Conflict Resolution

Quiz #11 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Sunday 12/01**

(13) Dec 2 & 4 Transnationalism and Globalization of Religion

Reading: CH 11: Transnational Religion, Globalization, and Development

Quiz #12 – Open on cuLearn until **23:59, Friday 12/06**

FAQs

- 1. Do I have to attend the lectures?** Yes. Attending lectures and participation counts towards your grade (15%).
- 2. Do I need the textbook?** Yes. They will also be on reserve in the library.
- 3. Is there a Midterm Test?** Yes. In Class on **October 16**.
- 4. Is there a Final Exam?** Yes. Format will be given closer to date.
- 5. What if I miss a Quiz?** There are no makeups for quizzes. If you would like to ensure a good grade you can complete one or more Bonus Assignments or Presentations.
- 6. What if I miss a participation exercise?** Participating in class discussions 3 different times over the semester can replace a missed participation exercise.
- 7. What is the best way to reach you?** Office hours or by email.



University Regulations for All College of the 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.

Academic Integrity at Carleton

Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentionally or not, the ideas, expression of ideas, or work of others as one's own. Plagiarism includes 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. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, and material on the internet. More information can be found [here](#).

Academic Accommodation Policy

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You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to the instructor 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. For more details see the [Student Guide](#)

Religious obligation: write to the instructor 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. For more details see the [Student Guide](#)

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at

613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the [PMC website](#) for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor 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. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

Grading System at Carleton University

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points and the percentage conversion is below. Grade points indicated are for courses with 1.0 credit value. Where the course credit is greater or less than one credit, the grade points are adjusted proportionately.

[Grading System](#)

Course Sharing Websites and Copyright

Classroom teaching and learning activities, including lectures, discussions, presentations, etc., by both instructors and students, are copy protected and remain the intellectual property of their respective author(s). All course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, outlines, and other materials, are also protected by copyright and remain the intellectual property of their respective author(s).

Students registered in the course may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational use only. Students are not permitted to reproduce or

distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly for commercial or non-commercial purposes without express written consent from the copyright holder(s).

Statement on Class Conduct

The Carleton University Human Rights Policies and Procedures affirm that all members of the University community share a responsibility to:

- promote equity and fairness,
- respect and value diversity,
- prevent discrimination and harassment, and preserve the freedom of its members to carry out responsibly their scholarly work without threat of interference.

Deferred Term Work

In some situations, students are unable to complete term work because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control, which forces them to delay submission of the work.

Students who claim illness, injury or other extraordinary circumstances beyond their control as a reason for missed term work are held responsible for immediately informing the instructor concerned and for making alternate arrangements with the instructor and **in all cases this must occur no later than three (3.0) working days after the term work was due.**

The alternate arrangement must be made before the last day of classes in the term as published in the academic schedule. Normally, any deferred term work will be completed by the last day of term. More information is available [in the calendar](#).

Deferred Final Exams

Students who are unable to write a final examination because of a serious illness/emergency or other circumstances beyond their control may apply for accommodation. Normally, the accommodation for a missed final examination will be granting the student the opportunity to write a deferred examination. In specific cases when it is not possible to offer a deferred examination, and with the approval of the Dean, an alternate accommodation may be made. [More information.](#)

The application for a [deferral](#) must:

1. be made in writing or online to the Registrar's Office no later than **three working days** after the original final examination or the due date of the take-home examination; and,
2. be fully supported by appropriate documentation and, in cases of illness, by a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination, or by appropriate documents in other cases. Medical documents must specify the date of the onset of the illness, the (expected) date of recovery, and the extent to which the student was/is incapacitated during the time of the examination. The University's preferred medical form can be found at the Registrar's Office [forms and fees page](#).

Any questions related to deferring a Final Exam or Final Assignment/Take Home Examination should be directed to the [Registrar's Office](#).

Withdrawal From Courses

Withdrawn. No academic credit, no impact on the CGPA. WDN is a permanent notation that appears on the official transcript for students who withdraw after the full fee adjustment date in each term (noted in the Academic Year section of the Calendar each term). Students may withdraw on or before the last day of classes.

Important dates can be found [here](#).

Financial vs. Academic Withdrawal

Make sure that you are aware of the separate deadlines for Financial and Academic withdrawal!

Making registration decisions in Carleton Central involves making a financial and academic commitment for the courses you choose, regardless of attendance. If you do not attend – you must withdraw in Carleton Central within the published deadlines to cancel your registration. [More information](#)

Department Contact Information

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Drop box for CLCV, HUMS LATN GREK Term Papers and assignments is outside 300 P.A.

Greek and Roman Studies 300 Paterson Hall (613)520-2809

GreekAndRomanStudies@cunet.carleton.ca

Drop Box is outside of 300 P.A.

Religion 2A39 Paterson Hall (613)520-2100

Religion@cunet.carleton.ca

Drop box for RELI and SAST Term Papers and assignments is outside of 2A39 P.A.

Registrar's Office 300 Tory (613)520-3500

<https://carleton.ca/registrar/>

Student Resources on Campus

[CUKnowHow Website](#)

[Academics: From registration to graduation, the tools for your success.](#)