Carleton University
College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 3321A
Classical Muslim Thought II
Fall 2011

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Class Meetings: Thursdays, 8:35-11:25
Classroom Location: 431 Tory Building
Course Website: Accessible through Carleton WebCT

Course Description

This course will be concerned with the history of Islamic thought from the end of the twelfth century to the middle of the nineteenth century CE. We will pay close attention to the ideas of such important figures of this later phase of Islamic intellectual history as Shihab al-Din Suhrawardi, Ibn ‘Arabi, Fakhr al-Din al-Razi, Nasir al-Din Tusi, and Mulla Sadra. Prerequisite: RELI 3320.

Required Texts

S. H. Nasr, *Three Muslim Sages*
Mulla Sadra, *The Elixir of the Gnostics*
Henry Corbin, *History of Islamic Philosophy*
S. H. Nasr and M. Aminrazavi (eds.), *An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia*, vol. 3

Requirements and Due Dates (See Course Site for Details)

/25 Book Report September 29th
/30 Test November 10th
/45 Research Paper December 1st
Schedule of Classes and Readings

September 8th

The Later Islamic Intellectual Tradition

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, foreword; pp. 1-22, 253-262

September 15th

Suhrawardi and the School of Illumination

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, pp. 205-220

September 22nd

Sunni Philosophical Theology I: Fakhr al-Din al-Razi

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, pp. 363-381
An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia, vol. 3, section 2.3

September 29th

Sunni Philosophical Theology II: Iji, Jurjani, Taftazani

Book Reports Due

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, 363-381 cont’d.
An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia, vol. 3, section 2.4-7

October 6th

Nasir al-Din Tusi: Philosopher, Scientist, and Ismaili Thinker

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, 324-327

October 13th

Twelver Shi'i Philosophical Theology: Nasir al-Din Tusi and ‘Allama Hilli

Readings: History of Islamic Philosophy, 319-324
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<td><em>Mulla Sadra’s Metaphysical Revolution</em></td>
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<td><em>Mulla Sadra’s Influence into the Twentieth Century</em></td>
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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:

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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. 5, 2011. The last day to withdraw from FALL/WINTER (Full Term) and WINTER term courses is APRIL 5, 2012.

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 Nov.11, 2011 for the Fall term and March 7, 2012 for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

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.

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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       4th Floor Library
Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125       4th Floor Library