Carleton University  
College of the Humanities  
Religion Program: RELI 3330A  
Sufism  
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**Instructor Information**

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**Course Information**

Class Meetings: Thursday, 8:35-11:25  
Classroom Location: 417 St. Patrick’s Building  
Course Website: Accessible through Carleton WebCT

**Course Description**

This course offers a detailed exposition of the origins, development, and various expressions of Sufism, Islam’s mystical tradition. We will begin with an inquiry into what Sufism is and what it is not, and will then turn our attention to the Sufi tradition’s main practical and theoretical dimensions. **Prerequisite:** RELI 2310 or RELI 2713; or Professor’s permission.

**Required Texts**

al-Darqawi, *Letters of a Sufi Master*  
Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *The Garden of Truth*  
Annemarie Schimmel, *Mystical Dimensions of Islam*

**Requirements and Due Dates (See Course Site for Details)**

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Schedule of Lectures and Readings

September 9th

*What is Sufism?*

**Readings:** *Mystical Dimensions*, chapter 1
*Sufism*, preface

September 16th

*The Roots of the Sufi Tradition*

**Readings:** *Mystical Dimensions*, chapter 2
*Sufism*, chapter 1

September 23rd

*From the Divine to the Human*

**Readings:** *Mystical Dimensions*, chapter 5
*Sufism*, chapter 2

September 30th

*The Way of Repentance*

**Readings:** *Sufism*, chapter 3

October 7th

*Asceticism and Piety*

**Readings:** *Sufism*, chapter 4

October 14th

*Trust in God*

**Readings:** *Sufism*, chapter 5
October 21st

Patience and Gratitude

Readings: Sufism, chapter 6
          Letters, 15-59

October 28th

Invocation and Prayer

Readings: Sufism, chapters 7-8
          Letters, 59-78

November 4th

Annihilation and Subsistence

Readings: Mystical Dimensions, chapter 3 and appendix 1
          Sufism, chapters 9-10

November 18th

Love, Intimacy, and Contentment

Readings: Mystical Dimensions, chapters 7 and 8

November 25th

Wisdom and Gnosis

Readings: Mystical Dimensions, chapters 4 and 6

December 2nd

The Journey’s End

Readings: Mystical Dimensions, epilogue and appendix 2
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. 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 courses 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 Registrar’s Office. 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 Registrar’s Office. 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.

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