

Religious Studies 2RD3—Religion and Diversity (Winter 2018—CNH 103, M, Th, 4:30 – 5:20) DRAFT ONLY)

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course examines religious practices and traditions in the context of multicultural, diverse societies. Issues to be focused on may include: the intersection of particular religious practices and beliefs and civil rights, medical ethics, and legal issues.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Various readings available online plus streaming videos.

GRADING AND EVALUATION:

20% Participation and Engagement

10% Five On-line Quizzes @ 2%

40% Four In-Class Written Assignments @ 10%

30% Film/Book/Documentary Review (Individual) or Group Pecha Kucha

COURSE CALENDAR:

DATE	TOPIC	REQUIREMENTS
4 JAN	Introduction	
8 JAN	What is Diversity? What is Religion?	
11 JAN	Pierre Elliott Trudeau: The Father of Canadian Diversity Daniel Cere, Multiculturalism: Made in Canada	
15 JAN	Pierre Trudeau, New Treason of the Intellectuals by Pierre Trudeau	
18 JAN		In-Class Assignment 1
22 JAN	Religion and Diversity in 19 th and 20 th century Hamilton John C. Weaver, "From Land Assembly to Social Maturity."	
25 JAN	Religion and Diversity in 19 th and 20 th Century Canada Cultural Diversity in Canada by Peter Li	Quiz 1
29 JAN	Religion and Diversity Today – Hamilton	
1 FEB		
5 FEB	Religion and Diversity Today – Canada	
8 FEB		In-Class Assignment 2
12 FEB	Religion, Diversity and Multiculturalism (RDM): Some Issues	Quiz 2
15 FEB	RDM: Some Issues	
19 FEB	READING WEEK	
22 FEB		
26 FEB	RDM & Hate Crimes in Hamilton and Canada	
1 MAR	RDM & Hate Crimes in Hamilton and Canada—Arson at the Hindu Samaj	
5 MAR		In-Class Assignment 3
8 MAR	RDM & Human Rights—Ontario Human Rights	Quiz 4
12 MAR	RDM & Human Rights—Sex and Sexuality	
15 MAR	RDM & Human Rights—Dress Codes	
19 MAR	Class Presentations	
22 MAR	Class Presentations	Quiz 5
26 MAR	Class Presentations	
29 MAR	Class Presentations	
2 APR	Class Presentations	
5 APR		In-Class Assignment 4
9 APR	SNOW DAY CLASS IF NECESSARY	

THE FINE PRINT:

WRITTEN WORK AND LATE SUBMISSIONS

- All written work will be marked on grammar, clarity of writing, and organization, as well as content and analysis. Where footnotes and bibliography are necessary, any protocol is acceptable provided you are consistent.

- All written work must be submitted electronically to AVENUE. Do not submit essays by email.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who require academic accommodation must contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. Academic accommodations must be arranged for each term of study. Student Accessibility Services can be contacted by phone 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or e-mail sas@mcmaster.ca. For further information, consult McMaster University's Policy for Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM:

• AVENUE TO LEARN

Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure.

• TURNITIN.COM

In this course we will be using a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal plagiarism. Students will be expected to submit their work electronically to Turnitin.com and in hard copy so that it can be checked for academic dishonesty. Students who do not wish to submit their work to Turnitin.com speak with me immediately. No penalty will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to Turnitin.com. All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld (e.g., on-line search, etc.). To see the Turnitin.com Policy, please go to www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity

MCMASTER STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar "Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work". Please note these regulations have changed beginning Spring/Summer 2015. The timeframe within which the MSAF is valid has been reduced from 5 days to 3 days. The upper limit for which an MSAF can be submitted has been reduced from 'less than 30%' to 'less than 25%' of the course weight. As per the policy, students must immediately follow up with their instructors to request accommodation for any missed academic work. Failure to do so may negate their relief. If you have any questions about the MSAF, please contact your Associate Dean's office. **MSAF is now available in MOSAIC Student Center. If you find it necessary to submit the MSAF during this course you must arrange for an extension for any work missed. I do not redistribute grades for missed assignments.**

NOTE ON CHANGES IN THE COURSE

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check her/his McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY E-MAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Effective September 1, 2010, it is the policy of the Faculty of Social Sciences that all email communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student's own McMaster University e-mail account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that communication is sent to the university from a McMaster account. If an instructor becomes aware that a communication has come from an alternate address, the instructor may not reply at his or her discretion.

STUDENT QUERIES AND EMAIL

I am finding the volume of email overwhelming. Wherever possible, please see me in person during office hours if you have a routine question regarding assignments, course content, grades or special accommodations.

LAPTOPS, TABLETS AND PHONES

In order to access Top Hat you will need a cell phone, tablet or laptop during class. There may be times when we will want to access the internet for a classroom activity. As a courtesy to those sitting behind you please ensure that you are discreet and not a distraction to others when using your device(s). Please ensure that your cell phone is on "vibrate" before entering the classroom. (I too will try to remember this!)