



Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

ALMC 319.02
Islam and Revolution
Winter 2023
TuWeThFrSa 9:00AM - 5:00PM (AD 142)

COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Mushegh Asatryan

OFFICE HOURS: T 2:00-3:00 (via zoom):

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/94876411108?pwd=eTBHK3NTc0IrbEJMVU1UbnZYbkhNdz09>

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DESCRIPTION

The course studies how religion has been used to justify political action in Muslim-majority societies. In particular, it studies revolutions, apocalyptic movements, and social upheavals of religious coloring throughout the history of the Muslim Middle East and North Africa. We will begin by looking at the theoretical definitions of religion, revolution, and apocalypticism as historical phenomena. We will then study the major such movements from the dawn of Islam to the present day. We will read historical studies and primary sources in translation, and watch films, studying each movement in its broad historical context, looking at its social roots and at the religious ideology used to justify and to consolidate it.

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have a broad knowledge of apocalyptic-revolutionary movements in the Islamic world, and will have acquired skills to critically analyze religious ideologies. They will likewise enhance their skills in communicating their knowledge orally and in writing.

OUTCOMES

A broad knowledge of apocalyptic movements in the Islamic world, and the skills to critically analyze religious ideologies. Enhanced skills in communicating one's knowledge orally and in writing.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Said Amir Arjomand, *Messianism and Sociopolitical Revolution in Medieval Islam* (University of California Press, 2022), available at the Bookstore

More texts will be uploaded to D2L

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Said Amir Arjomand, *Revolution: Structure and Meaning in World History*

COURSE NOTES

Attendance and participation are key to your success in this class. This is will be an interactive class, and by attending all sessions and by actively participating you will ensure that you maximize your learning experience (and your final grade). I won't be taking attendance, but I will be sharing lots of materials in class that will be crucial for your success in the exams and the paper.

Missed tests/assignments

Missed tests may not be retaken. If you have a very serious reason for missing an assignment, talk to me beforehand.



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If you do not submit your take-home exams on the due date, for each additional hour late you will lose 5% of the grade. After ten hours you will no longer be able to submit the exam.

ASSESSMENT

Exam 1: 25% (January 5)

Exam 2: 25% (January 7)

Take-home exam: 50 % (January 7-10)

The first and second exams are multiple-choice, based on the material covered in class (readings, films, and lectures). They will be given during class-time. The take-home exam will be based on the course materials, and will be due at the end of day on January 10 (it must be uploaded to the associated Dropbox on D2L by 11:59pm).

You must pass the take-home exam *and* at least one of the other exams to pass the course.

GRADING SCALE

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

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<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-policy>

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

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ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-accommodation-policy>

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate>

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Tower.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops and tablets are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.



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SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>.