

COURSE #311 CHURCH HISTORY I: ORIGINS TO 16th CENTURY**FALL 2000**

SURVEY OF THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. EXAMINES THE ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPIRIT, EXPERIENCE AND TEACHINGS OF THIS COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS ITS SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE REFORMATION. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WILL BE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND THE JEWS, MONASTIC MOVEMENTS, DEVELOPMENT OF ECCLESIAL STRUCTURES, HIERARCHY, AND THEOLOGICAL INSIGHTS IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT.

GOAL:

To present a foundational view and understanding of the origin and development of the Church through ancient and medieval times. Consideration will be given to significant events, ideas, conditions and personalities which together constitute the genesis and movement of the Christian community through the ages. Attention will be given to both secular and sacred spheres, with special focus on the interpenetration of their histories through the ages.

Objectives:

- 1) To present the various phases of church history with clarity and precision in a way that allows for sure and certain grasp of essential historical realities
- 2) To assist in correlation and integration of church history with other studies, religious and secular
- 3) To focus on alternative and sometimes conflictive theological visions and values at work within the universal Christian community, noting the presence and absence of particular theo-moral concerns in the various eras and epochs of ecclesial life
- 4) To highlight the multitude of stories which collectively comprise this period's history, with special focus on the formation of societies and states under church influence
- 5) To make study of these historical events, ideas, conditions and personalities "come alive" so as to be relevant to people living in "modern/post-modern" times

Requirements:

- 1) presence and participation in all scheduled classes for this course
- 2) completion of all assignments/projects as given throughout the course
- 3) satisfactory completion of all examinations during the semester

Recommendations:

- 1) notebook for recording information during class presentations and assigned readings
- 2) research and reading of extra materials relevant to the course
- 3) attentive and participative class presence to foster learning attitude and aptitude

Grading:

20% class presence & participation	45% mid-course examinations
20% course paper	15% final exam

**[Paper: 5 page report on any person/idea/event of this historical period:
3 page summary of subject/1 page on reason for selection/1 page on contemporary correlation]**

Date **Day** **Class** **Presentation** RE#311 Church History I (M-W-F: 10 AM)

8/28	M	1	Introduction
8/30	W	2	Pre-History of Church: Heritage of the Ancient World
9/1	F	3	Jesus the Jew [Text: pgs xiii-17]
9/4	M		No Class (Labor Day Holiday)
9/6	W	4	Jesus: Kingdom & Church
9/8	F	5	Paul: Church & Empire: Jews/Christians/Gentiles [Text: pgs 18-30]
9/11	M	6	Church & Empire
9/13	W	7	The Apostolic Fathers [Text: pgs 31-48]
9/15	F	8	Faith/Apologetics/Teachers [Text: pgs 49-81]
9/18	M	9	Genesis of Christian Morality
9/20	W	10	Persecutions: Great & Final [Text: pgs 82-108]
9/22	F	11	Constantine: Birth of Imperial Christianity [Text: 112-135]
9/25	M	12	Monasticism [Text: pgs 136-150]
9/27	W	13	Review
9/29	F	14	* Exam I
10/2	M	15	Heresies/Controversies/Councils [Text: pgs 151-172]
10/4	W	16	Patristic Period: Fathers of the Church [Text: pgs 173-219]
10/6	F	17	Barbarian Invasions: Fall of Empire/Rise of Papacy [Text: pgs 222-250]
10/9	M		No Class (Discoverers' Day)
10/11	W	18	Justinian & The East
10/13	F	19	Muhammed & The Spread of Islam [Text: pgs 251-265]
10/16	M	20	The Frankish Kingdom: Clovis to Charlemagne [Text: pgs 266-291]
10/18	W	21	The Germanic Kingdom: The Ottonian Empire & Church System
10/20	F	22	Vikings/Saracens/Magyars
10/23	M	23	Medieval Europe & Feudalism
10/25	W	24	Crusader Europe [Text: pgs 292-300]
10/27	F	25	Crusader States
10/30	M	26	Review
11/1	W	27	* Exam II
11/3	F	28	Crusader Ideology
11/6	M	29	English & French Monarchies
11/8	W	30	Golden Age of Medieval Christianity [Text: pgs 301-323]
11/10	F		No Class (Veterans' Day)
11/13	M	31	The New Order: Mendicants/Learning/Culture/State
11/15	W	32	Fourteenth Century Collapse [Text: pgs 324-341]
11/17	F	33	The Papacy: Decay & Reform [Text: pgs 342-361]
11/20	M	34	Mysticism & Spirituality
11/22	W	35	Medieval Religion
11/24	F		No Class (Thanksgiving Holidays)
11/27	M	36	Humanists & Reformers [Text: pgs 362-374]
11/29	W	37	Review
12/1	F	38	* Exam III
12/4	M	39	Worlds Old & New
12/6	W	40	Saints & Scholars
12/8	F	41	Semester: Overview & Evaluation

1) The above schedule of presentations may be amended as deemed necessary during the semester. Please be advised.

2) Course Text: The Story of Christianity (Volume I) by Justo Gonzalez

3) Prof. David Anderson (Humanities Department)/Home Phone: 947-8922

4) Final Exam: