

Ch 3312 History of Christianity

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Course: CH 3312
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II. Course Description

This course is a survey of the major events, persons, and movements that have significantly shaped the history of the Christian movement from the second century through the Protestant and Roman Catholic Reformations of the seventeenth century.

Course Goals.

The goals of this course are to provide necessary foundational knowledge of the Christian movement 1) to students preparing to pursue full-time ministerial education; 2) and to the student interested in exploring the formative relationship of Christianity to Western philosophy, literature, art, and political science; and 3) to prepare students for graduate-level study of Christianity.

Course Objectives

The objectives of the course are to 1) introduce the student to the broad outline of the history of Christian movement from 100 AD through the Protestant and Roman Catholic reformations of the 16th and 17th centuries; 2) to familiarize the student with major issues and events shaping significant developments of the church during this period; 3) introduce the student to some of the ways in which knowledge of church history provides resources for understanding contemporary circumstances in which churches find themselves.

III. Text

Earle E. Cairns, *Christianity Through The Centuries: A History of the Christian Church*.

IV. Requirements and Grading

- A. Regular class attendance is required. [Tardiness and absences will lower student's grade.]
- B. Read text and other assigned readings.
- C. Demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of the material on three one hour tests.
- D. Write a 12-page research paper (topic to be approved by instructor) dealing critically with a key figure or movement.
- E. Grading will be: 3 tests will count 25% each, and the research paper will count 25%. Over three absences and excessive tardies may reduce grade by 10%.

V. Select Bibliography

Bainton, Roland. *Christendom: A Short History of Christianity and Its Impact on Western Civilization*, 2 Vols.
_____. *The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century*
Bettenson, Henry. *Documents of the Christian Church*

Brauer, Jerald. *The Westminster Dictionary of Church History*
Cross, F. L. and E. A. Livingston. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*
Foakes-Jackson, F. J. *A History of Church History*
Frend, W. H. C. *The Early Church*
Gonzales, Justo L. *The Story of Christianity*
Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity. 7 Vols.*
Steinmetz, David Curtis. *Memory and Mission: Theological Reflections on the Christian Past.*
Thompson, Ernest Trice. *Through The Ages: A History of the Christian Church.*
Walker, Williston. *A History of the Christian Church*
Williams, George Hunston. *The Radical Reformation.*

VI. Software, Database, and Internet Resources

Online Periodicals: Through EBSCO, Austin Graduate School has access to over 200 full-text journals on the web. See the librarian for access.

ATLA Database: The American Theological Library Association maintains a massive bibliographic database of theological journals and books. See the librarian for access to this database.