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### FACULTY INFORMATION

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### OVERVIEW/COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is the first half of the required two-semester survey of the history of Christianity. Its objective is to familiarize students with the history and teachings of the Christian Church from early in the second century to the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Three Credits. Letter grade only. Prerequisites: None for M.Div., M.A. and senior 3/3 students; others by permission.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

By participating fully in this class, students will:

1. Be able to tell the story of Christianity from the second through the fifteenth centuries.
2. Be able to identify and discuss the development of major theological and ethical teachings, practices, debates, and leaders of the church in these centuries.
3. Be able to read, discuss, and critically analyze historical and theological texts.
4. Grow in character and gain wisdom for ministry by bringing their faith into conversation with Christians of past centuries, recognizing the diversity of Christian traditions and the distinctive features of their own.
5. Develop an eager curiosity for further study of Church history.

### M.Div. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course

- *Nurture habits and disciplines of study, prayer, and reflection that increase their love of God and neighbor and shape their personal and professional lives.*
- *Be formed by, live in, and minister out of Scripture and the historical and theological tradition of the Church.*
- *Interpret the Christian Scriptures through faithful exegesis and in light of the Christian tradition.*
- *Educate and equip individuals and congregations to live and minister joyfully and faithfully as part of their own denomination and the ecumenical church.*

### M.A.M.C. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course

- *Articulate and reflect critically and constructively on the biblical and theological foundations of God's mission to the world.*
- *Develop, implement, and assess strategies for missional living in a specific cultural context.*
- *Develop skills and capacities for faithful and competent Christian witness.*

### Course Requirements (1000 points total)

1. Conscientious attendance, reading, and participation in discussions. (250 points)
2. Two short papers. (100 points each)
3. Mid-term (200 points) and final (350) exams.

**REQUIRED TEXTS (you must have the edition noted by ISBN):**

Justo Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity*, Vol. I ISBN: 978-0061855887  
Augustine, *Enchiridion on Faith, Hope, and Love* ISBN: 978-1514266540  
Raphael Brown, tr. *Little Flowers of St. Francis* ISBN: 978-0385075442  
Eugene Fairweather, ed. *Scholastic Miscellany* ISBN: 978-0664244187  
S.L. Greenslade, ed., *Early Latin Theology* ISBN: 978-0664241544  
Edward Hardy, ed., *Christology of the Later Fathers* ISBN: 978-0664241520  
Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love*, ISBN: 978-0140441772  
Anthony Meisel and M.L. del Mastro, eds., *Rule of St. Benedict* ISBN: 978-0385009485  
Amy Oden, *In Her Words* ISBN: 978-0687459728

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

*Rand McNally Historical Atlas of the World*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition ISBN: 978-0-528-01447-5  
John Leith, *Creeds of the Churches* ISBN: 978-0804205269  
William Strunk and E.B. White, *Elements of Style* ISBN: 978-0205309023  
Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers* ISBN: 978-0226816388

