

HT402/502 Renewal, Expansion, Fragmentation: Reformation and Modern Church History
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OVERVIEW/COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is the second 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 the Reformation to the present.

Three Credits. Letter grade only. Prerequisites: HT400/500 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 16th century to the present.
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.D. 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.*

M.A.C.L. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course:

- Articulate key theological affirmations of the church's theological tradition.

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):

Teresa of Avila, *Interior Castle* ISBN: 9780385036436

John Calvin and Jacopo Sadoletto, *A Reformation Debate* ISBN: 9780801023903

Henry Sloane Coffin, *Some Christian Convictions* ISBN: 9781406846607

James Cone, *A Black Theology of Liberation* ISBN: 9781570758959

Benjamin Franklin, *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* ISBN: 9780486290737

Justo Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity*, Vol. 2, Revised ed., ISBN: 9780061855894

Martin Luther, *Three Treatises* ISBN: 9780800616397

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism* ISBN: 9780802864994

Phoebe Palmer, *Entire Devotion to God*, Schmuel Publishing (no ISBN)

John Smith et al., *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* ISBN: 978-0300098389

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Rand McNally *Historical Atlas of the World*, 6th edition ISBN: 9780528014475

John Leith, *Creeds of the Churches* ISBN: 9780804205269

William Strunk and E. B. White, *Elements of Style* ISBN: 9780205313426

Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers* ISBN: 9780226816388

Robert Walton, *Chronological and Background Charts of Church History* ISBN: 9780310258131