

**HERITAGE
CENTER**
for Religious Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: **Highlights of Church History**
 HC015

Schedule: **Mondays, 6-9 p.m.**

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Required Textbooks:

- Shelly, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*, 2nd edition. Nashville: Nelson Publishing, 1996.
- Walton, Robert C. *Chronological and Background Charts of Church History*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986.

Course Description:

A survey of the formation and development of Christianity from its beginning to modern times. Attention will be given to the biographies of major figures in the rise of the Church as well as major movements of the early, medieval, Protestant Reformation and modern eras. The course will examine the expansion of the church, the development of Christian thought, the growth of Christian institutions and the conflicts which confronted the church from without and within.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the history of Christianity with the intent to put the student in touch with the evolution of biblical history and trace Christianity from its beginning to the present time. Students will increase their awareness and knowledge to the origin of the Christian faith.

At the end of this course the student should be able to:

1. Identify some of the most important developments in the history of Christian faith.
2. Define the three types of Christian thought
3. Catalogue the history of Christianity with reference to the "Age"
4. Identify personalities who were influential in shaping Christianity in each age.

Course Requirements

A. Attendance 10 points - Participation 10 points

Attendance and Participation are expected for all classes.

B. Reflections 30 points

To measure results of student participation, the student will complete a written reflection on what was covered in the lecture. The reflection will be a minimum of 2-1/2 pages (can be longer), typed and double spaced.

C. Midterm Examination 25 points

D. Final Examination 25 points

Other Course Instructions

Prior to class time read *all* assigned materials.

All papers submitted are to be consistent with the *Uniform Writing Standards*.

Course Schedule

March 24	<i>Church History in Plain Language</i> , pp. 3-23 The Age of Jesus and the Apostles <i>Charts of Church History</i> (note appropriate age) Reflections
March 31	<i>Church History in Plain Language</i> , pp. 27-87 The Age of Catholic Christianity <i>Charts of Church History</i> (note appropriate age) Reflections
April 7	<i>Church History in Plain Language</i> , pp. 91-160 The Age of Christian Roman Empire <i>Charts of Church History</i> (note appropriate age) Reflections
April 14	Film: Christianity: The First 1000 Years
April 21	Film: Christianity : The First 1000 Years (Continued) Mid Term Examination
April 28	<i>Church History in Plain Language</i> , pp. 163-233 The Christian Middle Ages

Charts of Church History (note appropriate age)
Reflections

May 5 *Church History in Plain Language*, pp. 237-308
 The Age of the Reformation
Charts of Church History (note appropriate age)
Reflections

May 12 *Church History in Plain Language*, pp. 311-350
 The Age of Reason and Revival
Charts of Church History (note appropriate age)
Reflections

May 19 *Church History in Plain Language*, pp. 353-415
 The Age of Progress
Charts of Church History (note appropriate age)
Reflections

May 26 Memorial Day Holiday Break

June 2 *Church History in Plain Language*, pp. 419-490
 The Age of Ideologies
Charts of Church History (note appropriate age)
Reflections
Final Examination