

**HT502 Renewal, Expansion, Fragmentation: Reformation and Modern Church History
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FACULTY INFORMATION

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OVERVIEW/COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is the second half of the required two-semester survey of the history of Christianity for the M.Div. It is an elective for other degree programs. 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: HT500 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 through the 20th 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.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.R.T. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course

- Identify and articulate the core commitments of the Christian tradition with a focus on the Reformed tradition.
- Analyze how key theological terms and concepts emerged and function within the Christian tradition, and, more specifically, the Reformed tradition.
- Explain how key theological terms and concepts have been understood and applied in Christian congregations of various times and places, and, more specifically, congregations of the Reformed tradition.

M.A.M. Curricular Goal 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. (180 points)
2. Two short papers. (130 points each)
3. Mid-term (220 points) and final (340 points) exams.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

You must have the edition noted by ISBN or, if no ISBN, publisher. You must have a print copy unless the pagination on the digital copy is identical to the print copy.

Teresa of Avila, *Interior Castle* ISBN: 9780385036436

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

James Cone, *A Black Theology of Liberation* ISBN: 9781626983854

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: 9781946971852

Albert Outler, ed., *John Wesley* ISBN: 9780195028102

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

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

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

Amy Oden, *In Her Words* ISBN: 978-0687459728

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