

Course Title: Medieval and Reformation Church History

Objective: To familiarize the student with the key figures, institutions, and patterns of life of the church in the Medieval and Reformation period (ca. 500-1650 AD). The course aims to:

- Present the major concerns and movements in the Christian church in the Christendom context
- Introduce the basic terms of doctrinal formulae and liturgical practice in this era
- Inculcate an appreciation for the study of ecclesial and secular history

Approach: Lecture format with class discussion

Class Schedule by Week

- 1) Introduction and Overview
- 2) Justinian and Christendom
- 3) Gregory and the Medieval Papacy
- 4) Orthodoxy and the East
- 5) The Crusades
- 6) Religious Orders, Sacramental Theologies
- 7) Renaissance context for Reform
- 8) Luther I: discovery through recovery
- 9) Luther II: the 'Theology of the Cross'
- 10) Calvin and Reformation in Geneva
- 11) Radical and Counter Reform movements
- 12) The Dutch and the Synod of Dort
- 13) The English and Puritanism
- 14) The Westminster Assembly

Recommended Books

Susan Wise Bauer, *A History of the Medieval World from the Conversion of Constantine to the First Crusade* (Norton, 2010)

Philip Benedict, *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed: A Social History of Calvinism* (Yale: 2002)

Christopher Dawson, *Religion and the Rise of Western Culture* (Doubleday, 1957)

G.R. Evans, *The Roots of the Reformation: Tradition, Emergence, and Rupture* (IVP: 2012)

D.G. Hart, *Calvinism: A History* (Yale: 2013)

Diarmaid MacCulloch, *The Reformation: A History* (Penguin: 2003)

Alister McGrath, *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* (Blackwell, 1999)

Heiko Oberman, *Luther: Man Between God and the Devil* (Yale, 1989)

R.W. Southern, *Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages* (Penguin, 1970)

Robert Louis Wilken, *The First Thousand Years: A Global History of Christianity* (Yale: 2012)

Lesson 1: Introduction and Overview

1) Approaches to History

2) Dividing and Defining Eras

a. Medieval

b. Reformation (transition)

c. Modern

3) For discussion

a. Christendom

b. Scholastic Synthesis

c. Authority and Tradition