

Church History

CT 470 Christian Tradition 1

Course Overview

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Credit Hours: 3hrs

Course Description

This course explores key events and socio-religious developments in the history of Christianity and the resulting theology. Special focus will be given to the historical period ranging from the origins of the church to the Protestant Reformation. Church History provides a survey of the history of the Christian Church from its birth to the present day in the context of world history. Attention is given to how the past impacts present and future ministry.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Sequence the major historical facts, events, personalities, issues, and trends in the growth of Christianity.
 2. Understand and articulate the historical development of the canon of Scripture, key Christian doctrines, and the function of the Bible in the life of the church.
 3. Outline how culture has influenced the church throughout history.
 4. Identify the efforts of Christians throughout history who refused to compromise their commitment to Christ's word, work, and church
 5. Explain the essential role of church history in shaping our understanding of the church today.
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Resources

Shelley, Bruce, *Church History in Plain Language 5th edition*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2021.

Course Outline

MODULE ONE: THE SPROUTING			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Assignment	4hrs	15
First Church Plant	Discussion	3hrs	25
Mystery Religion?	Assignment	3hrs	25
What Authority	Assignment	4hrs	25
	Totals	14hrs	90

MODULE TWO: ATTACKS ON THE GARDEN			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
St. Denys	Discussion	3hrs	25
Away with Atheists	Media Assignment	3hrs	20
Persecuted Options	Discussion	3hrs	25
Persecution Good?	Assignment	3hrs	25
	Totals	16hrs	110

MODULE THREE: SUMMER SUNSHINE			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
Monks & Protestants	Discussion	3hrs	25
Monastic Missions	Discussion	3hrs	25
Government Support?	Assignment	3hrs	25
Arius vs Athanasius	Assignment	3hrs	25

Impact of Augustine	Assignment	3hrs	25
	Totals	19hrs	140

MODULE FOUR: WINTER CHILL AND SPRINGTIME			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
Dark Ages	Discussion	3hrs	25
What makes a cup?	Discussion	3hrs	25
Crusades	Assignment	3hrs	25
Spiritual Perspectives	Assignment	3hrs	25
Francis and Poverty	Project	4hrs	40
	Totals	20hrs	155

MODULE FIVE: A DIFFERENT KIND OF GARDEN			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
Calvin's 3rd Use	Discussion	3hrs	25
Luther & Grace	Assignment	3hrs	25
Anabaptists	Assignment	3hrs	25
England's Middle Way	Project	4hrs	40
	Totals	17hrs	130

MODULE SIX: A GARDEN WITHOUT FRUIT			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
American Civil Rel.	Live Discussion	1hr	15

Quiz	Assessment	1hr	10
Pious Wrong?	Assignment	3hrs	25
Liberal Christians	Assignment	3hrs	25
Totals		12hrs	90

MODULE SEVEN: OUR BACKYARD			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
America New Israel?	Discussion	1hr	25
American Revivals	Discussion	3hrs	25
Black Christians	Assignment	3hrs	25
Fundamentalism vs. Social Gospel	Assignment	3hrs	25
What's an Evangelical?	Assignment	3hrs	25
Totals		15hrs	140

MODULE EIGHT: A GLOBAL HARVEST			
Title	Type	Duration	Points
Read and Reflect	Input	4hrs	15
Changed?	Live Discussion	1hr	15
Around the World	Discussion	3hrs	25
Three Faces	Assignment	3hrs	25
Protestant Principle	Assignment	3hrs	25
History Timeline	Project	3hrs	40
Totals		17hrs	145

Live Sessions

This course has two live Checkpoints for discussion. If you cannot attend, you can recoup the points for the session by watching the recording and submitting a 300-word summary/response. Since these sessions will be audio-visually recorded, those who participate with their camera engaged are agreeing to have their video, image, or voice recorded.

Grading

Reading Reflection: 120

Quiz: 10 points

Discussions: 305 points

Assignments: 445 points

Projects: 120 points

Course Grading Scale

95-100 A (Excellent)	73-76 C (Fair)
90-94 A-	70-72 C-
87-89 B+	67-69 D+
83-86 B (Good)	63-66 D (Poor/Min. Standards)
80-82 B-	60-62 D-
77-79 C+	Below 60 F (Below Min. Standards)

Policy/Procedures

The following are the academic policies and procedures for Kairos University, the university providing academic credit for this course:

Academic Honesty

Kairos University takes seriously the problems of academic dishonesty and cheating, since they reflect directly on one's character. In the case of suspected academic dishonesty on assignments or coursework, the professor or mentor team shall be responsible to decide whether there is a case of carelessness in

acknowledging sources or actual academic dishonesty. If there is academic dishonesty, he/she will report to the Chief Academic Officer and Dean. The consequences may range from rejection of the assignment all the way to dismissal. Subsequent proven or admitted cases of academic dishonesty in the same or other classes/coursework will be considered grounds for dismissal from the university with the decision being made by the Chief Academic Officer. Copying, cribbing, or otherwise cheating on examinations shall be treated in the same manner and with the same consequences as academic dishonesty. Submitting the same research paper in two different courses is also not acceptable except by special arrangements with the professors involved. Academic dishonesty on a thesis or degree project report shall be considered grounds for rejection of the thesis or expulsion from the university.

A definition of plagiarism is the use of another author's research, ideas, or language without proper attribution. Plagiarism is intellectual theft. There are many shades of accidental or intentional plagiarism that color the whole picture. Students should avoid any hint of dishonesty by maintaining good research habits and by paying attention to basic rules of writing and documentation. Carefully distinguish between your ideas and the ideas of others. Give credit where credit is due.

Incomplete Course Work

Students enrolled in class are expected to submit all work by the dates set by the professors and complete all course requirements on or before the last day of the term. In rare situations, professors may grant extensions in the form of incomplete grades with the approval of the Office of Enrollment Management no later than the last Monday of the term. "Rare situations" are just that: the death of an immediate family member or sudden severe illness (usually requiring hospitalization) of the student or his/her immediate family member. Ministry related emergencies (funerals, church conflicts, etc.) are not considered "rare." The date for completion of the work will be arranged with the professor, but cannot extend beyond six weeks after the close of the term. If the work is not completed by the specified date, the grade indicated on the Request for Incomplete form will be entered on the student's record. If the professor is out of the city when an incomplete is due, the student will deliver the assignment to the Office of Enrollment Management

and the time of receipt will be recorded. Students may not take additional courses until they have finished incompletes from the previous semester.

Accommodations for Disabilities

Kairos University is committed to providing equal access and reasonable accommodations for students with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities. In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), KU does not exclude otherwise qualified persons with disabilities, solely by reason of the disability, from participating in university programs and activities.

Students with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodations must identify their needs to the Registrar. To fully evaluate requests for accommodations, the Office of Enrollment Management requests documentation to verify a student's disability. Details on the submitted documentation needed are outlined in the Kairos University student handbook at kairos.edu/studenthandbook.

Class Attendance

Attendance is expected for all classes in which a student is enrolled for credit. The professor will state the attendance policy for each class, and students are held responsible for adhering to the stated policy. Absences should be arranged with the professor.

A student who finds it necessary to be absent from a class, and who has made arrangements with the professor, may ask a fellow student for lecture notes and handouts.

Because of the nature of short-term intensives, no absences are permitted. If circumstances beyond the control of the student make an absence unavoidable, prior arrangement with the professor is required if a student is to receive a passing grade for the course.

Students participating in scheduled learning experiences at a not-for-credit level should visit with the professor individually about his or her expectations for participation.

Zoom etiquette guidelines are available in the Kairos University student handbook at kairos.edu/studenthandbook.

Petitions for Exceptions

Petitions for Exceptions Student petitions for exceptions to academic policies may be submitted to the faculty. Such petitions should be submitted well in advance of the particular requirement or deadline. Any oral arrangements made with a professor must be included in the written petition. The report of the action on such petitions will be given to the student with a copy in the student's file in the Office of Enrollment Management.

Credit Expectations

Students are strongly encouraged to think about their school, work, and family obligations when planning out their coursework any given semester. Students should expect to spend a total of three hours per week for 14 weeks for each credit hour or unit of work attempted. Students should also keep in mind that some courses require more than the average amount of time, and that workload will vary throughout the semester. Total hours per credit hour or unit are: 240-260 total hours for 6 credits; 120-130 total hours = 3 credits or units; 80-90 total hours for 2 credits or units; and 38-48 for 1 credit or unit.

Library Resources

Kairos University is a member of The Digital Theological Library (DTL), which is a digital library of religious and theological studies. In addition to an embedded version of the catalog search, the DTL also includes other resources like libguides, an A-Z list, and more. Details on how to access the Kairos DTL are available from your Kairos advisor.