

DESCRIPTION

A survey of the major theological, political, and social/cultural developments in the Christian church from the Reformation to the present. Focus will be placed on Roman Catholicism. Secondary sources and lectures will provide the historical context for the reading and study of primary texts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an understanding and appreciation of the progression of history in the Church, acquainting students with a broad range of historical figures, events, places, and movements in modern history
2. To situate the history of Christianity within its broader social, cultural, and intellectual context
3. To introduce the student to various historical and literary sources, and to the methods of interpretation used in historical research
4. To gain an understanding of the significance of church history for the worshipping community's growth and commitment to Christ

PROCEDURES

Students will complete most course requirements asynchronously. Assignments will include online discussion group participation, recorded lectures with accompanying PowerPoint presentations, and completion and peer critique of research papers.

EVALUATION

Student progress is evaluated through online discussion group participation, participation in the Intensive Seminar, written assignments, and final project or examination.

****Please note:** We will have four online "live" meetings throughout the semester, each from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. They are scheduled for January 30, February 28, April 4, and April 24. **If you are unable to do at least three of these please contact the professor when you register for the course.** An alternative assignment will be given.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Elizondo, Virgil P. *Guadalupe: Mother of a New Creation*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1997.

Irvin, Dale T., and Scott W. Sunquist. *History of the World Christian Movement*. Vol. II: Modern Christianity from 1454-1800. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2012.

Placher, William C. *Readings in the History of Christian Theology, volume 2: From the Reformation to the Present*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1988.

Other texts made available through the e-reserve system at Saint Louis University's Pius XII Memorial Library.