

Course Description

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Course Number: HT105W

Course Title: Global Church in Motion I

Name of Instructor: Benjamin Taylor

Semester and Year: Fall 2021

Requirement fulfilled, who may register, indicate if limited: --
Number of hours, grading option: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an overview of Christian history and theology (from the Early Church to the eve of the Reformation) through the lens of God's *missio Dei*. The course reflects on scripture and Christian tradition to discern the Holy Spirit's activity across time and in diverse cultures. By examining the history of the Church in community, students will be able to identify key themes and historical trends through the history of the Church. Special attention will be paid to the diversity of Christian practice and Christian self-understanding of this historical period.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To reflect on the theological and historical meaning of the Church from the time of the biblical witness up to the time of the Reformation
2. To articulate the significance of the ecumenical heritage of the Church throughout history
3. To gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for major themes or questions that arose as part of the Church's engagement with society throughout the history of the church
4. To trace the history of the Spirit within the Church throughout the different geographical and temporal expressions in the history of the church

PROCEDURE:

A combination of lecture, class discussion, assigned reading, and class activities guide our shared learning. Regular attendance and active participation are expected.

EVALUATION:

Students will be assessed based on participation, weekly writing assignments, two short essays, and a final project/paper.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Required

Gonzalez, Justo. *The Story of Christianity I: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*. New York: HarperCollins, 2010.

Gonzalez, Justo and Cardoza-Orlandi, Carlos F. *To All Nations From All Nations*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Horsley, Richard, ed.. *Christian Origins*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2006.

Recommended