



**HIST 5201 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY
REFORMATION-MODERN
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I hope that you are as excited about the study of church history as I am! If not, I hope that my enthusiasm will affect you positively. One of the reasons I love teaching is the opportunity to relate to students. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone or to come by my office. I want to help you in any way I can. **Call me if you have a problem or a question. Do not wait until it is too late for me to help!** This syllabus is subject to minor, necessary or beneficial changes during the semester.

I. Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

II. Course Description:

This course provides a general historical survey of the Christian movement from the Protestant Reformation to the present. Attention is given to significant ideas, individuals, movements, and institutions in the development of Christianity during the Reformation and modern periods.

III. Student Learning Outcomes:

- The student demonstrates an understanding of significant individuals, movements, institutions, and theological concepts in the history of Christianity.
- The student demonstrates an ability to apply principles learned from the study of the history of Christianity to church and ministry today.
- The student demonstrates an ability to communicate understanding and application of principles learned from the study of the history of Christianity.

IV. Required Texts:

There are two required textbooks for this class:

Justo González, *The Story of Christianity*, vol. 2, *The Reformation to the Present Day*, rev. ed. (New York: HarperOne, 2010).

Henry Bettensen and Chris Maunder, eds., *Documents of the Christian Church*. 4th ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

There will be additional required reading from primary sources that are available on the Internet.

V. Requirements:

- A. *Tests*: There will be six (6) tests, each worth 25 points, given throughout the semester. The lowest test grade will be dropped. Tests will be available throughout the course and must be completed by midnight on the last day of the unit. Each test will last 20 minutes and be timed. Exams should be taken without notes in front of you. Please study for the test, then take it "open memory." You are on the honor system. The final day by which unit requirements must be completed is as follows:

Unit 1: September 2
Unit 2: September 30
Unit 3: October 19
Unit 4: November 4
Unit 5: November 16
Unit 6: November 30

- B. *Assigned Reading*: Students are expected to read the assignments listed for each unit. A report is due on the last day of each unit on the percentage completed (in 20% increments) of that unit's assigned reading. Each report is worth up to 5 points. Reading Reports are found at the end of each unit's assignments under Course Documents. An additional 5 point bonus will be awarded to students who have completed **all** the assigned reading by **November 30**. This allows you to catch up on reading you have missed during the semester.
- C. *Movie Review*: Students will watch a movie, based on the Reformation period and write a historical review. The movie is *Luther* (2003), starring Joseph Fiennes and Peter Ustinov. *Luther* should be readily available at your neighborhood video store, or you can purchase it inexpensively through ebay.com or amazon.com. Or, if you subscribe to Netflix or Amazon Instant Video, it is available through those services. Also, it is available in the NOBTS library. **Secure this movie in a timely manner to insure that you can submit this assignment on time.**

In the review, include evaluations of its historical accuracy and value, including any discrepancies that you notice. This assignment is informal and intended to be a fun way for you to learn. You may use first person. The review must be 3-4 pages, double-spaced, and is worth 30 points. The Movie Review is due **September 21**.

- D. *Major Research Project*: Each student will conduct research and write a paper on a significant person, movement, event or place in Christian history. **Due October 26.**

The Research Paper will be 10-12 pages long (not including cover sheet or bibliography; no table of contents or chapter breaks are necessary) and should reflect scholarly research. You should discuss the historical context and influence of your subject in church history and conclude with a summary statement about the contributions and lasting consequences of your subject to history. It will be written according to standard guidelines (Turabian; Times New Roman 12 pt. font; double-spaced; standard margins; footnotes, etc.) and include a bibliography of at least ten resources (Textbooks, reference books, and the Internet are allowed, but you must consult a minimum of six biographies, monographs, and/or church histories as well).

Application point: After writing a conclusion to your research paper, each student will add at least one application point learned from the subject of the research project, whether it is a person or a topic. This application point might be a sermon illustration, an application to your ministry, or a lesson learned for your personal life.

The Research Paper will be evaluated as follows:

1. Grammar and style: Spelling, sentence and paragraph development; punctuation; and conformity to the 6th or 7th edition of Turabian. (20 points)
2. Clarity and Coherence: Balance; thoroughness; organization; logical development; overall sense of the paper. (20 points)
3. Research: Bibliography; type and variety of sources (primary, secondary, monographs, journal articles, websites, etc.); most bibliographic entries should be accompanied by footnote citations. (20 points)
4. Historical Awareness and Insight: Factual accuracy; awareness of historical connections (continuity/discontinuity, cause/effect, contrasts/comparisons); sensitivity to historical context; awareness of the historical impact of a person. (20 points)
5. Analysis and Evaluation: Going beyond the mere reporting of facts to include explanation, interpretation, analysis of material; evaluation of strengths and weakness of a person; demonstration that you have thought about the material that you have researched. Give strong and insightful introduction and conclusion. Include an application point. (20 points)

Suggested subjects are:

- Martin Luther
- Ulrich Zwingli
- John Calvin
- Michael Servetus
- Martin Bucer
- Michael Sattler
- Balthasar Hubmaier
- Menno Simons
- William Tyndale
- John Knox
- Jacob Arminius
- Henry VIII
- Thomas More
- Thomas Cranmer
- Teresa of Avila
- Ignatius Loyola
- Francis Xavier
- Matteo Ricci
- Blaise Pascal
- René Descartes
- John Locke
- Immanuel Kant
- Philipp Jakob Spener
- August Hermann Francke
- Count Zinzendorf
- The Tennant Family
- Theodore Frelinghuysen
- Jonathan Edwards
- David Brainerd
- George Whitefield
- John Wesley
- Charles Wesley
- Barton Stone
- Charles Finney
- Joseph Smith
- Lott Carey
- David Livingstone
- C.T. Studd
- Hudson Taylor
- Frederick Douglass
- Harriet Tubman
- Booker T. Washington
- George Washington Carver
- Friedrich Schleiermacher
- Albert Schweitzer
- Soren Kierkegaard
- Karl Barth
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- William and Catherine Booth
 - Charles Haddon Spurgeon
 - C. S. Lewis
 - D. L. Moody
 - Billy Sunday
 - Eric Liddell
 - William Seymour
 - Aimee Semple McPherson
 - Billy Graham
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Mother Theresa
 - Pope John Paul II
 - Richard Wurmbrand
 - The Auca missionaries
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- Martin Luther's Defense of Infant Baptism
 - Theology of the Cross vs. Theology of Glory
 - Luther's Three Treatises of 1520 & Their Impact on the Reformation
 - Luther's Attitude toward Jews & His Influence on Anti-Semitism in Germany
 - Ulrich Zwingli vs. the Swiss Brethren on the Issue of Infant Baptism
 - Ulrich Zwingli's Influence on the Swiss Reformed Movement
 - Theology of Michael Sattler & Balthasar Hubmaier
 - Anabaptist Theology of Martyrdom
 - Selected Lives of Anabaptist Women
 - John Calvin's Theology of the Church
 - John Calvin's Sacramental Theology
 - Calvinism & Its Positive Impact on Evangelism
 - Calvinism & Its Negative Impact on Evangelism
 - Women in the Reformation
 - The Aftermath of the Wars of Religion in Europe
 - The History of the English Bible from Wycliffe to King James I
 - Anglican Theology, Practice & *The Book of Common Prayer*
 - René Descarte & Platonic Philosophy
 - John Locke & Aristotelian Philosophy
 - Pietism: Its Causes & Influences
 - Wesleyan Perfectionism & Its Influence on American Christianity
 - Catholicism in New Spain
 - Puritans in America: The City on a Hill & the Half-Way Covenant
 - Dawning of the First Great Awakening
 - The Theologies of John Wesley & Jonathan Edwards
 - The Origin & Early Rise of African American Christianity
 - Preaching For & Against American Independence
 - Characteristics & Effects of the Camp Meetings in the Early Nineteenth Century
 - Charles Finney's Arminianism & His Influence on Revivalism
 - Women in Nineteenth-Century American Christianity
 - American Preachers For & Against Slavery
 - Revivals during the American Civil War
 - Jesuit Missions
 - Moravian Missions
 - The Relationship of Colonialism & Missions
 - The French Revolution & Its Impact on European Christianity
 - Neo-Orthodoxy: Its Proponents & Opponents
 - John Nelson Darby & the Rise of Dispensationalism
 - The History of the Jehovah's Witnesses
 - The Rise of Fundamentalism

- Presbyterians in Twentieth-Century America
- The “Scopes Monkey Trial” & Its Impact on American Fundamentalism
- The Rise of Neo-Evangelicalism
- The Religious Right & American Politics from Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush
- The Influence of Black Pastors on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s
- The Jesus Movement
- Women in Twentieth-Century American Christianity
- Vatican II & Its Impact on Catholicism

You may choose a subject not on this list for your research paper, but you must have prior approval from the professor. Send me your top three choices by email. DUPLICATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED. First come; first served.

Safe Assignment: Blackboard offers a service known as “SafeAssignment.” If you click on “Assignments” on the left menu, you will be directed to “Major Research Paper – First Draft.” Follow the instructions there to submit a draft of your paper for review.

A paper submitted through this service will be compared to other papers in the database and checked for the percentage of copying from other sources. Your work will not be used for any purpose other than preventing plagiarism in the Seminary and other participating institutions. Ownership of the intellectual property contained in your written work will not be transferred to any third party.

Your paper will be assessed for the amount of material copied from other sources and returned to you. The highlighted passages do not indicate plagiarism necessarily, but they point out the percentage of your paper that can be found in other sources. You need to be sure that you properly quote and cite such passages, and you may need to put more of your paper in your own words.

By the way, you probably will find that your footnotes and bibliographical entries are highlighted. That should be expected, since the papers in the database also cite the same sources that you use.

NOBTS Writing Center: Students have access to *Write Stuff, the NOBTS Writing Center*. Information about the Writing Center and the process for submitting papers can be found at <http://www.nobts.edu/writing>. The writing center staff will review the paper and work with the student as necessary to improve it before the final paper is submitted. Working with the writing center should help you in all of your academic writing, as well as help you produce an excellent biography for this course.

NOBTS Style Guide: A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf

VI. Submission of Assignments

1. The Unit Exams and Reading Reports will be conducted on Blackboard. Unit Tests and Reading Reports are under Course Documents and under each respective unit.
2. Your Movie Review will be submitted under Assignments. Click on the link to each assignment, click on the button to Browse My Computer, and attach your document.

3. You will submit the Major Research Project under Assignments and on the Discussion Board. Attach your paper by clicking on the Browse button. The reasons for submitting your paper both ways are: 1) for ease in grading; and 2) to make it available to the other students. I want every student to be able to benefit from each other's research and writing.
4. Please do not send your assignments to me as email attachments unless I request you to do so or unless there is a compelling reason. I enjoy hearing from my students, but my Inbox fills up pretty quickly with attachments, and then I have to shift them over to the proper location.

VII. Penalties:

Attendance: No student who misses more than six classroom hours – or the equivalent of six class meetings – can receive credit for this course. Three occasions of arriving late for class or leaving early will count as one absence. For more information, see the online Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.nobts.edu/>

Unit Exams & Reading Reports: Unit Exams and Reading Reports must be submitted by the date of the unit completion. After the deadline, Unit Exams and Reading Reports will NOT be re-opened. One unit exam grade will be dropped.

Tardiness: A late written assignment will be assessed a **10 percent penalty if it is submitted after the deadline and a 20 percent penalty after five days. After one week past the deadline, the penalties become very severe.**

Posting your Major Research Paper under Assignments and to the Discussion Board: Failure to post your research paper in both locations will result in a 5-point deduction.

Plagiarism: **NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism..**

VIII. Electronics:

Cell Phones: Turn off your cell phones.

Lap Tops: Use lap tops for purposes suitable for this class only.

IX. Possible Points & Grading Scale:

<u>Possible Points</u>		<u>Grading Scale</u>
Reading:	30 pts.	A = 265-285 pts.
Tests (5 x 25):	125 pts.	B = 240-264 pts.
Movie Review:	30 pts.	C = 220-239 pts.
<u>Research Paper:</u>	<u>100 pts.</u>	D = 170-219 pts.
	285 pts.	F = 169 - 0 pts.

X. Need technical assistance? Contact the ITC today!

Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)

BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.

ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.

504.816.8180 - Call for any technical questions/support requests.

www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

XI. Emergency Plan

In case of hurricane or any other emergency, go to the seminary web site for information: www.nobts.edu

The administration will communicate information that relates to the seminary: the nature of the emergency, instructions for responses, evacuation, contingency plans, duration of the emergency, and plans to return to campus and/or resume the schedule.

Also, check Blackboard for instructions related to this class. Because this class is available on Blackboard, there should be minimal disruption unless the emergency affects electrical power and connection to the Internet.

In any emergency, communication is important, and our best means of staying connected is through the seminary's web site and Blackboard.

XII. History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern
 Course Schedule – Spring 2021 Tuesday/Thursday 1:00-1:50

Week	Date	Daily Topic	Assignments Due
Week 1	August 17	Background to Reformation	
	August 19	Martin Luther (begin)	
Week 2	August 24	Martin Luther (continue)	
	August 26	Martin Luther (conclude)	
Week 3	August 31	Ulrich Zwingli	
	September 2	Anabaptists (begin)	Unit One
Week 4	September 7	Anabaptists (continue)	
	September 9	Anabaptists (conclude)	
Week 5	September 14	John Calvin (begin)	
	September 16	John Calvin (conclude)	
Week 6	September 21	English Bible	Movie Review
	September 23	English Reformation	
Week 7	September 28	English Dissent	
	September 30	Scottish Reformation	Unit Two
	October 5	Fall Break	
	October 7	Fall Break	
Week 8	October 12	Catholic Reformation	
	October 14	Thirty Years War	
Week 9	October 19	Jacob Arminius	Unit Three
	October 21	Age of Enlightenment	
Week 10	October 26	Pietism	Research Paper
	October 28	John Wesley	
Week 11	November 2	Christianity in Early America	
	November 4	First Great Awakening	Unit Four
Week 12	November 9	Religious Liberty	
	November 11	2 nd & 3 rd Great Awakenings	
Week 13	November 16	Modern European Christianity	Unit Five
	November 18	Modern American Christianity (begin)	
	November 23	Thanksgiving Break	
	November 25	Thanksgiving Break	
Week 14	November 30	Modern American Christianity (conclude)	Unit Six
FINALS WEEK			

XIII. Reading Schedule

G = Justo Gonzalez, The Story of Christianity, vol. 2.

B = Henry Bettenson, Documents of the Christian Church

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reading</u>
[1]	Martin Luther	G: Chapters 1-3 B: Ninety-five Theses, Leipzig Disputation, Diet of Worms
	Luther's Theology	G: Chapter 4 B: Two Treatises, Short Catechism, The Confession of Augsburg
	Ulrich Zwingli	G: Chapter 5
[2]	Anabaptists	Schleitheim Confession http://www.anabaptists.org/history/schleith.html G: Chapter 6
	John Calvin	G: Chapter 7 B: Institutes of the Christian Religion
	English Reformation	G: Chapter 8 B: Supremacy Act 1534, Supremacy Act 1559, Act of Uniformity
	English Dissent	G: Chapter 18 B: Westminster Confession of Faith, The Clarendon Code
[3]	Catholic Reformation	G: Chapter 12 B: The Jesuits, The Council of Trent, The Tridentine Profession
	Catholic Orthodoxy	G: Chapter 19 B: Jansenism, The Gallican Declaration

	Wars of Religion		G: Chapters 9-11, 13, 14-17 B: Peace of Augsburg, Edict of Nantes, Peace of Westphalia
	Lutheran & Reformed Orthodoxy		G: Chapters 20-21 B: Arminianism
[4]	Age of Enlightenment		G: Chapter 22 B: Deistic Controversy
	Pietism		G: Chapters 23-24
	John Wesley		John Wesley's Conversion http://www.ccel.org/ccel/wesley/journal.vi.ii.xvi.html
	Christianity in Early America		G: Chapter 25
	First Great Awakening	Jonathan Edwards' <i>Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God</i> http://www.ccel.org/ccel/edwards/sermons.sinners.html	
[5]	Religious Liberty		G: Chapters 26-27
	2 nd & 3 rd Great Awakenings		
	New Religions		
	Global Expansion		G: Chapter 33
[6]	Modern European Christianity		G: Chapters 28, 31, 35 B: Resistance in Nazi Germany
	American Christianity		G: Chapter 36 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" Martin Luther King I Have a Dream Speech - American Rhetoric Billy Graham, New York Crusade, 1957 (Optional to listen to this film clip) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aZoqlwHsdM
	Modern Roman Catholics		G: Chapters 32, 34 B: Immaculate Conception, The Syllabus of Errors, The Second Vatican Council
	Eastern Orthodoxy		G: Chapter 30

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