

## > > > COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: CHURCH HISTORY

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### **CH500 TURNING POINTS IN CHURCH HISTORY (3)**

*Choi*

An introduction to selected critical themes in the history of Christianity, examined within their historical contexts. For MA students (other than MATS) only.

### **CH501 CHURCH HISTORY—1 (3)**

*Choi, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

An introduction to the development of Christianity from the apostolic period to the Reformation. Emphasis is placed on the central historical figures, movements, and theological issues, with attention given to their importance for Christian ministry today. Major texts and interpretive studies will be read.

### **CH502 CHURCH HISTORY—2 (3)**

*Choi, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

An introduction to the development of Christianity from the Reformation to the modern period. Emphasis is placed on the central historical figures, movements, and theological issues, with attention given to their importance for Christian ministry today. Major texts and interpretive studies will be read.

### **CH550 TUTORIAL IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)**

*Choi, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

For students with specialized interests/needs in selected areas of introductory study in Church History. Consult syllabus for prerequisites and course requirements. See p. 26 for academic policy. May be repeated.

### **CH551 THE REFORMATION (3)**

*Collins, O'Malley*

A study of the background, theological issues, principal leaders, and major movements of the Reformation.

### **CH560 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA (3)**

*Collins, O'Malley*

Deals with the history of Christianity in the United States from the time of the first colonists to the turn of the 21st century. An assessment is made of the religious heritage in America and attention is given to relevance for the present.

### **CH590 THEOLOGICAL GERMAN (3)**

*O'Malley*

An introductory course designed to achieve proficiency in reading knowledge of theological texts, understood in their cultural setting.

### **CH599 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)**

*Choi, Collins, O'Malley*

Guided, independent, introductory research in Church History. See p. 26 for academic policy and procedure. By contract. Credit only. May be repeated.

**CH600 HISTORY OF METHODISM (2)***Tuttle*

A study of the revival and work of the Wesleys with special emphasis on the planting and progress of the movement in America leading up to Methodism of today. The historical development of the Evangelical United Brethren is also included. An approved text is used together with supplementary research. Meets a denominational requirement for all candidates for the United Methodist ministry.

**CH601 READINGS IN METHODIST HISTORY (1)***Tuttle*

This course provides an additional opportunity for further reading in Methodist history. Taught concurrently with CH600, History of Methodism, it affords students a greater familiarity with historical documents of the Methodist heritage.

**CH610 THE ENGLISH REFORMATION (3)***Collins*

This course will explore the history and theology of the English church during its Reformation of the 16th century. Attention will be paid to historiographical considerations with an eye to the plausibility of diverse readings of English ecclesiastical history. Prerequisite: CH502 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH/WO620 WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND COMMUNITY IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION (3)***Staff*

The course will survey worship, prayers, and community in the context of the Book of Common Prayer from the sixteenth century reformation through the ecumenical liturgical movement of the twentieth century. The British churches will provide the major focus up to the latter years of the eighteenth century when, with special attention to North America, foreign Anglican churches begin to modify the exclusively English setting and character of the Prayer Book. Throughout the course students will be encouraged to relate to the developments of this distinctive tradition with those in other parts of the larger Christian community. Prerequisites: CH501 and CH502. Also listed as WO620.

**CH650 TUTORIAL IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)***Choi, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

For students with specialized interests/needs in selected areas of intermediate study in Church History. Consult syllabus for prerequisites and course requirements. See p. 26 for academic policy. May be repeated.

**CH651 THE SACRAMENTS IN HISTORY (3)***O'Malley*

A seminar treating Eastern, Western, and Post-Reformation views about the nature and purpose of the sacraments, particularly baptism and the Eucharist liturgy. Emphasis will also be given to the Pietist and Wesleyan traditions. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH660 A SURVEY OF THE HISTORY OF THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT (3)***O'Malley, Tuttle*

Traces the roots and surveys the historical development of the 19th-century Holiness Movement and analyzes its interaction with the prevailing historical milieu – especially other religious movements. Introduces the student to the persons, forces, and events that shaped the movement.

**CH661 A HISTORICAL-THEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC MOVEMENTS (3)***Tuttle*

This course will examine the 20th-century Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, using a thematic approach. Particular attention will be given to significant theological developments in their historical, cultural, and ecclesial contexts and evaluated from a Wesleyan perspective.

**CH/DO665 SEMINAR ON THE ANTONEMENT (3)***Choi*

A study of the development of the Christian doctrine of the atonement from the post-apostolic period to the present time. Emphasis is placed upon the central theological aspects and interpretational models of the atonement, with attention to their relevance for contemporary Christian ministry. Major primary texts and interpretive studies will be read and reflected.

**CH/PR670 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF PREACHING (3)***Pasquarello*

A study of preachers and preaching from the biblical period through the sixteenth-century Reformation. Preachers and sermons will be discussed in light of their primary role as pastors called by God to the practical tasks of forming and building up a Christian people, of nurturing and reinforcing Christian identity through the constant preaching of the Word of God to enable the church to discern and obey its scriptural pattern of faith and life.

**CH699 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)***Choi, Collins, O'Malley*

Guided, independent, intermediate research in Church History. See p. 26 for academic policy and procedure. By contract. Credit only. May be repeated.

**CH701 ANTE-NICENE AND NICENE FATHERS (3)***Choi, O'Malley*

An intensive study of the writings and influence of the Ante-Nicene and Nicene fathers, through Athanasius. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH702 NICENE AND POST-NICENE FATHERS (3)***Choi, Collins*

An introduction to the theology of the Nicene and post-Nicene fathers from Athanasius to Vincent of Lerins through an intensive study of selected treatises and letters with an eye to their significance for contemporary theology and practice. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH710 PIETISM AND THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION (3)***O'Malley*

An exploration of the variety of theological texts and traditions represented by Continental Pietism in their historical setting and in relation to American Christianity. Prerequisite: CH502 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH/SF720 READINGS IN WESTERN SPIRITUALITY (3)***Collins*

This course will explore the nature of spirituality and its relevance to contemporary life and ministry by means of critical examination of classic Western spiritual literature, ranging from the work of Plato in the fourth century B.C. to that of Thérèse of Lisieux in the 19th century A.D. Special attention will be given to the work of John Wesley as that which exemplifies the leading themes of both spiritual literature and spiritual formation. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH750 TUTORIAL IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)***Choi, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

For students with specialized interests/needs in selected areas of advanced study in Church History. Consult syllabus for prerequisites and course requirements. See p. 26 for academic policy. May be repeated.

**CH751 THE THEOLOGY OF AUGUSTINE (3)***Seamands*

An examination and analysis of the major theological ideas of Augustine as seen in his major writings. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH753 THE THEOLOGY OF THOMAS AQUINAS (3)***Collins*

An introduction to the theology of Thomas Aquinas through an intensive study of selected passages from his writings with an eye to their significance for contemporary theology and practice. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH755 THE THEOLOGY OF MARTIN LUTHER (3)***O'Malley*

A study of the major theological ideas of Martin Luther within the context of his life and times. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH756 THE THEOLOGY OF JOHN CALVIN (3)***O'Malley, Seamands*

An introduction to the theology and ministry of John Calvin through an intensive study of his Institutes of the Christian Religion. Prerequisite: CH501 (or CH500, for students in MA programs not requiring CH501-502).

**CH799 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN CHURCH HISTORY (1-3)***Choi, Chilcote, Collins, O'Malley, Tuttle*

Guided, independent, advanced research in Church History. See p. 26 for academic policy and procedure. By contract. Credit only. May be repeated.

**CH850 MASTER OF ARTS THESIS (6)***Staff*

A culminating project for the Master of Arts (Research) in Theological Studies. For policies and procedures, see p. 26. Credit only.