Church History

Early/Medieval

**CH1100 Survey of Early and Medieval Church History**  MoWeFr 8:30-9:20am
The life and thought of the Christian church from the apostolic period to the eve of the Reformation. Lectures and group discussions of brief writings representative of major movements and doctrinal developments. Designed as an orientation to the shape of the whole tradition in its social setting.

- This course fulfills the early/medieval church history requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Rorem
Precepts: A- Th 1:00-1:50pm; B-Th 2:00-2:50pm; C- Fr 9:30-10:20am; D-Fr 9:30-10:20am; E-Fr 10:30-11:20am; F-Fr 10:30-11:20am; G-Fr 1:00-1:50pm

**CH3240 Christian Iconography (Early and Medieval)**  Th 2:00-3:50pm; Fr 2:00-2:50pm
This course explores avenues of interpreting theologically the phenomenon of Christian visual art in its historical context (early and medieval). Topics to be considered include the exegetical history of the Second Commandment, the rise of early Christian art, the theology of icons, the sources and principles of Christian iconography. Lectures (general and specific), discussions of texts and specific works of art, field trips.

- This course fulfills the early/medieval church history requirement.
- Enrollment limited to twenty-five students.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester 2013–2014; Mr. Froehlich

Reformation

**CH3315 The Theology of John Calvin**  MoTuTh 10:30-11:20am
Central to traditional understanding of Calvin is the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* in its final version (1559). Besides shifting attention to the early *Institutes* (1536, 1541), this course engages with Calvin’s equally important exegetical writings (commentaries, sermons) and the wide range of his ecclesial and pastoral writings (liturgies, music, catechisms, letters, etc.) in the context of his work as a pastor and preacher as well as reformer and teacher.

- This course fulfills the Reformation church history requirement.
- Prerequisite: studies in Reformation history or theology.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. McKee

**CH3320 Martin Luther and the German Reformation**  We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am
This course offers an introduction to the German Reformation, with particular focus on Martin
Luther’s contributions in thought and work. Emphasis will be on the history of key events and developments, their implications for the public and institutional life of the early-modern church as well as on personal piety, and on understanding Luther’s theological writings.

- This course fulfills the Reformation church history requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Appold

**EC/CH3380 East Asian Christianity 1500–1800**  
Tu 8:30-10:20am; Th 8:30-9:20am  
This course examines the Christian missions to East Asia (including China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia) between 1500 and 1800. Topics will include the historical, cultural, and social contexts of those missions, their connection to European Christianity and to the European Reformation, the dynamics of indigenization and Christianization, their relation to other religions in the area, and the importance of this period for the long-term emergence of distinctively Asian Christian cultures.

- This course fulfills either the Reformation distribution requirement OR the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Appold

**Modern**

**CH3516 The German Church Struggle**  
Th 9:30-11:20am; Fr 9:30-10:20am  
A historical study of the struggle for control of the church in Germany from the Wilhelmine era to the Cold War. Topics covered include the roots of the struggle in pre-1914 Germany, including controversies over socialism and the role of anti-Semitism in German society, the Great War and the experience of defeat, church/state controversies under the Weimar Republic, the German Christian Faith Movement, the Confessing Church movement, the church in the Nazi state, and the reconstruction of the German church in the shadow of World War II and the Holocaust.

- This course fulfills the modern church history requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Deming

**CH3520 Church, Sports, and Leisure in Modern Europe**  
Mo 6:30-9:30pm  
Explores the attitudes and interaction of European Christianity to the development and spread of sports and leisure in the modern era. Representative topics are the involvement of religious institutions in early modern festivals, the impact of demographic and economic changes on the structures of church and leisure, the emergence of muscular Christianity, debates about Sabbath observance, commercialization, professionalism, and gender as well as ancillary activities like gambling, drinking, and hooliganism.

- This course fulfills the modern church history requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Deming

**CH3625 African American Religious History**  
We 8:30-11:20am  
This course charts the history of religious life among African Americans in their passage from
slavery to freedom. It begins with a study of traditional African religions; African retentions in Christianity; and the impact of Western Christianity (Catholicism and Protestantism) on African Americans. The course also examines lesser-known African American religious expressions, including Islam, Santeria, Voodoo, the Black Israelite movement, and Afro-Caribbean magic and folk beliefs. Particular attention will be paid to the issues of slavery, racism, sexism, and institutional oppression within the contemporary African American Christian experience.

- This course fulfills the modern church history requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Pierce

**CH5600 American Christianity: Puritanism to the Civil War**  Tu 8:30-10:20am; Th 8:30-9:20am
An examination of Puritanism, religious diversity in early North America, the Great Awakening and Evangelical revivals, the Enlightenment, growth of African American religion, development of modern denominational patterns, social reform and the churches, various theologies in a democratizing culture, Roman Catholicism in the young republic, changing gender roles and religion, and slavery and the Civil War in relation to church history.

- This course fulfills the modern church history distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Moorhead

**CH5630cr American Christians and the Public Order**  We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am
An overview of American Christians’ understanding of their public responsibilities from the colonial era to the present. Topics include colonial church-state arrangements and their legacies, the impact of religious pluralism, and responses to issues such as anti- and proslavery ideologies, women’s rights, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the social gospel and the problem of economic inequality, the temperance movement, the wars of the twentieth century, the so-called “American Way of Life,” the civil rights movement, the rise of the new religious right, and the role of contemporary mainstream Protestantism in the public arena.

- This course fulfills the modern church history requirement.
- This course fulfills the Christian responsibility in the public realm requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Moorhead

**Ecumenics**

**EC/CH3380 East Asian Christianity 1500–1800**  Tu 8:30-10:20am; Th 8:30-9:20am
This course examines the Christian missions to East Asia (including China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia) between 1500 and 1800. Topics will include the historical, cultural, and social contexts of those missions, their connection to European Christianity and to the European Reformation, the dynamics of indigenization and Christianization, their relation to other religions in the area, and the importance of this period for the long-term emergence of distinctively Asian Christian cultures.

- This course fulfills either the Reformation distribution requirement OR the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
EC/TH5301 Missional Initiative in Post-Christendom Europe  We 8:30-11:20am
This course will investigate current initiatives to address the challenge of the secularized European mission field as it confronts the late Christendom churches. Diverse theological initiatives and their practical translation will be analyzed as they interact with interpretations of the changing context. In addition to recent literature, Skype conversations with a range of theologians and practitioners will give the students direct access to those involved in these initiatives. The translatability of both the theological insights and the practical initiatives into the North American context will be investigated.

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Guder

History of Religions

HR3345 Hinduism  Tu 2:00-4:50pm
The course fosters inter-religious literacy through the study of “Hinduism” as an aggregate of beliefs and practices, texts and institutions in a variety of contexts—historical and contemporary, South Asian and North American. Opportunities for interaction with local Hindu communities are provided. Theological reflection that takes Hindu and Christian self-understanding into serious account is encouraged.

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Young

HR5338 Pluralism, Dialogue, and Witness  Th 2:00-3:50pm; Fr 2:00-2:50pm
Introduces and assesses theological perspectives, historical and contemporary, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal on inter-religious dialogue and Christian witness in a world of many religions, with special attention to problems of interdisciplinarity (history of religions/theology of religions).

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: a seminary course in history of religions or an undergraduate equivalent in world religions.
- Enrollment is limited to fifteen students.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Young
PhD Seminars

**CH9000 Historical Method**
Readings in the basics of historical methodology and research. Written projects will focus on skills required in editing texts, evaluating evidence, and critically evaluating secondary literature in the area of the student's primary interest. Required of Ph.D. candidates in church history during the first year of residence. Offered on S/U basis. 3 credits. 
Upon arrangement, 2013-2014; Staff

**CH9025 Medieval Theological Literature**
Th 8:30-11:20am
Topic for the seminar for Fall Semester 2013: From Hugh of St. Victor to St. Bonaventure. 
3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Rorem

**CH9033 Calvin and the Classical Reformed Tradition**
Tu 2:00-4:50pm
An examination of the theological, institutional, and pastoral development of the classical Reformed tradition in the context of early modern (Reformation) history. Particular attention will be devoted to John Calvin’s thought and practice, with consideration also of the wider extent of the early Reformed tradition, both key figures and geographic extent. The specific focus for fall 2013 is Word and Sacraments. 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. McKee

**CH9072 Race, Racism, Religion: American Religion in Historical Context**
Mo 6:30-9:30pm
Why is Sunday morning still the most segregated time in America? A partial answer to that question comes from understanding the intersections of race and religion in American culture. How is a view of American religion complicated when using the lens of race to provide a critique? How does the history of racism unfold in America if one argues that it is primarily connected to religious developments? Using history, theology, critical race theory, film, and literature, this course proposes a careful consideration of issues of race, racism, and religion in a variety of American faith traditions, but most notably in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Special attention will also be paid to those traditions, denominations, and groups born as a result of the intersection of race, religion, and racism in the United States. 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Pierce