

Church History
CH 613 Medieval and Continental Reform
Trinity 2015

Syllabus

Course Description:

Beginning with the Latin west and the end of the Roman world the course covers an expansive period of the early, high and Latin middle ages through the European Reformation (500-1600). The student is encouraged to evaluate & discuss the philosophical-theological history of the period with an emphasis on the persons of Aquinas through Luther.

Readings:

The course readings are found in two texts, both by Diarmaid MacCullough. They include:

CHRISTIANITY: THE FIRST THREE THOUSAND YEARS (2009)
THE REFORMATION (2003)

In addition, excerpts from the writings of the various reformers will be provided as handouts for discussion at various points during the term.

Students will be expected to have read the course materials in advance of each class, and will be held accountable for their contents regardless of whether the material was actually discussed in class. Should you have questions about things in the readings and not discussed in the class, please do not hesitate to raise those at any time.

Examination:

There will be one final examination consisting of two essay questions. The examination will be closed book.

Attendance:

Attendance at all lectures is required. Students who fail to attend class on a regular basis will be barred from taking the final exam.

Proposed Reading List

Class	Topic	Readings
1	Introduction	Christianity 77-231 (optional background reading)
2.	The Rise of Rome	Christianity 289-363
3.	The Papacy	Christianity 363-427
4.	Orthodoxy: The Imperial Faith	Christianity 427-551
5.	Cracks in the Facade	Christianity 551-655
6.	The Old Church	Reformation 3-103
7.	Martin Luther	Reformation 103-207 Luther Handout
8.	Zwingli and the Anabaptists	Reformation 207-307 Zwingli Handout
9.	John Calvin	Reformation 307-388 Calvin Handout
10.	The Counter-Reformation	Reformation 388-485