Instructor: James O. Duke

Prerequisites: None

Description: This course surveys the history of the Christian church(es) from first century origins to the eve of 16th century reforms. Its primary aim is to offer resources and opportunities for the development of historically-informed understandings of the character of the Christian tradition(s). The study focuses on exploring varied historical factors and theological concerns at play in shaping the "faith and order" and "life and work" of the church(es).

Class Procedure: Lecture, with some discussion

Requirements:
Response paper to Augustine’s *Enchiridion* (6-8 pages)
Mid-term take-home essay exam (12-15 pages).
Final take-home essay exam (12-15 pages)
Regular attendance and constructive participation in class

Required texts:
3. Oden, Amy, ed. *In Her Words: Women’s Writings in the History of Christian Thought*. Abingdon. 0-687-45972-9 paper. $28.50
5. Additional primary source readings available on the internet may be required

Grading Procedures:
Response paper = 15%;
Mid-term take-home exam = 30
Final take-home exam = 30%;
class contribution and overall progress = 10%