

CHHI 60033
HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I: Turning Points

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Prerequisites: None

Description: This course surveys the history of Christianity from its first century origins to the present by focusing on major pivotal points of change. Its primary aim is to offer resources and opportunities for the development of historically-informed understandings of the shape-shifting 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 church(es).

Class Procedure: Dialogical, with some lecture

Requirements:

Regular attendance, preparation for and constructive participation in class

Mid-term take-home essay exam (12-16 pages).

Final take-home essay exam (12-16 pages)

[Note: Other, short, assignments may be required as needed.]

Required texts: [Note: vendor prices may vary widely. Also, additional readings, cost-free, will be provided.]

Lyman, Rebecca. *Early Christian Traditions*. Cowley Publications, 1999. ISBN 1-56101-161-4. Pbk \$15.50

MacCulloch, Diarmaid. *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*. New York: Viking, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-141-02189-8 \$28.00

Moore, Rebecca. *Women in Christian Traditions*. New York and London: New York Univ. Press, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4798 \$17.00

Oden, Amy, ed. *In Her Words: Women's Writings in the History of Christian Thought*. Abingdon. ISBN 0-687-45972-9. pbk \$28.50

Grading Procedures:

Mid-term take-home exam = 40%

Final take-home exam = 40%;

class contribution and overall progress = 20%