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**HIST/RELH 316 The History of the
Christian Church I**

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School of Distance Education

Self-Paced Courses

This course follows a self-paced online format. You have 180 days from your selected start date to complete the course. The last day to withdraw with a full refund is 15 days after your start date.

Instructor Contact

Please refer to course in Learning Hub for the teacher contact information.

Communication with the Instructor

It is important to remember that while the Internet is available 24 hours a day, your instructor is not. You can expect that your instructor will respond to e-mail message to you within *2 business days* during the week and may not be available to respond on weekends.

Other Assistance

Username and password assistance	helpdesk@andrews.edu	(269) 471-6016
Enrollment and withdrawal questions	sderegister@andrews.edu	(269) 471-6323
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Exam requests and online proctoring	sdeexams@andrews.edu	(269) 471-6566
Distance Student Services - any other questions	sdestudents@andrews.edu	(269) 471-6566

Part 1: Course Information

Course Description

Surveys the internal and external developments and conflicts which Christianity has experienced from the time of Christ up to the Reformation. Special attention given to those developments that relate to Seventh-day Adventist theological heritage.

Detailed Course Description

Study of the historical development of the world Christian movement from its inception in the apostolic era through the fifteenth century A.D., with particular emphasis on:

- the emergence and shaping of the Christian movement in the Roman empire;
- the Constantinian revolution and the formation of western Christendom;
- the global reach and diverse expressions of the Christian movement in Africa and Asia, as well as Europe, and interaction of the faith with governmental powers and cultural forces;
- patterns of worship practices, organization, and authority;
- moral and social issues on matters having to do with gender, justice, equality, and violence;
- key movements for reform and renewal.

Prerequisite

HIST117 Civilization and Ideas I or permission of instructor. Not applicable to the General Education requirements in religion nor a major in religion.

Required Text/Material

Note students: Textbooks for online courses may be purchased from any supplier. For financial aid in payment, contact your financial advisor at the university where you are completing your degree. Andrews University degree students who have confirmed that funds are available will then purchase the books themselves and send receipts to their financial advisor for reimbursement.

Irvin, Dale T. and Scott W. Sunquist. *History of the World Christian Movement*, Vol. 1. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001. ISBN-13 978-1570753961.

Online articles and documents as assigned in individual lessons.

Credit Hour and Commitment

This course is offered for 3 semester credits; therefore it is expected that you will spend 135 hours total on this course. This means for a 15-week course you'll be spending approximately 9 hours learning in the course on a weekly basis. If this is unacceptable for any reason please think seriously about your enrollment in this class. For each module, it is suggested you allocate your time learning in the following way:

- Lessons/Lectures activities: 3 hours
- Assignments: 2 hours
- Discussions: 2 hours
- Final Essay: 2 hours
- Studying for Exams: 2 hours

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate comprehension of the historical significance of major events, people, and trends in the history of the world Christian movement from its inception through the fifteenth century.
2. Explain influential developments in Christian history (up to ca. 1500), showing continuity and change over time and place and recognition of context.
3. Analyze primary and secondary sources in historical context.
4. Construct historical arguments based on evidence drawn from primary and secondary sources effectively synthesized, organized, and expressed with appropriate use of writing conventions.
5. Exercise well-informed, individual discernment in exploring the significance of developments in the first fifteen centuries of Christian history for life and faith today.

Part 2: Course Methods and Delivery

Methods of Instruction

Methods of instruction include assigned readings from the textbook and the course material, short essays and reflections on the reading, short open book quizzes on the readings, interactions with the instructor via blogs, and two exams. Regular participation in the course is essential to good performance.

Technical Requirements

- Computer: PC (Win 10 or newer) or MAC (10.14 or better)
- A webcam with microphone, and speakers (or plug in headset)
- Internet: 2.4 Mbps or faster DSL, cable or Wi-Fi connection
- Browser: Current version of Chrome or Firefox
- Software: Office 2013 or newer ([Office 365 available here](#))

LearningHub Access

This course is delivered online through LearningHub at <http://learninghub.andrews.edu>

Your username and password are your Andrews username and password. You need to activate your username and password to access LearningHub.

Please do this online here: <https://vault.andrews.edu/vault/pages/activation/information.jsp> if you haven't already. If you need assistance, call or email us: (296) 471-6016 or <mailto:helpdesk@andrews.edu>.

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course, or to report a problem with LearningHub, please email dlit@andrews.edu or call (269) 471-3960.

Part 3: Course Requirements

Important Note: Activity and assignment details will be explained in detail within each learning module. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.

Your Schedule

In Learning Hub, you will access online lessons, course materials, and resources. This course is self-paced. You must complete the course within 180 days. This is the Consortium policy. You may have a stricter deadline imposed by graduation, financial aid, or other restrictions.

Start by creating a schedule for completion of the course.

- Determine your deadline. Do you need a transcript sent to your home institution?
- Working from your deadline, count backwards. Allow 2 weeks after you take your final exam for your final grade to be calculated. Allow another 2 weeks for the transcript to be processed and sent.
- Now use the suggested schedules to create a schedule for yourself that ensures completion 4 weeks before your deadline.

Submit your course plan to your instructor within Learning Hub AND discipline yourself to make regular progress.

Assessment Descriptions

Lessons/Lecture: Lesson 1-12 with lecture/instructor-guides learning activities, assigned reading (textbook and documents), video clips, and Knowledge Checks.

Assignments: Short-answer, essay (200-500 words), and document analyses (250-750 words) assignments as assigned in associations with each lesson topic.

Blog posts: Guided discussions of contested issues in Christian history and current events in the light of the past — informed commentary and application to present-day life. Total of four chosen by the student from a range of options, 150-400 words each.

Final Essay: Analysis of the historical significance of a reform leader selected by the student from a short list of options (800-1200 words). Requires synthesis and proper citation of primary and secondary sources, critical analysis of significance for at least one of the major course themes and for faith and life today.

Mid-Term Exam: Objective, short-answer, and essay questions — see Mid-term Exam Preparation Guide.

Final Exam: Objective, short-answer, and essay questions — see Final Exam Preparation Guide.

Exams

The Midterm exam is worth 20% of your grade. You are allowed 120 minutes to complete this exam. The Final exam is worth 20% of your grade. You are allowed 120 minutes to complete this exam.

All exams in this course require proctoring. Follow prompts in the course space to set up your exam session. In each module that contains an exam, you will find what to review and what materials are allowed (if any) during the exam.

Please read the important information about taking exams and how online proctoring works at www.andrews.edu/distance/students/exams.html. The follow the instructions that apply to your situation on the [exam request form](#) to set up your exam session.

Please note that an exam code is never released to the student. All students must present photo identification before each exam session. Exams can only be proctored after a deadline with approval directly from the instructor to the Testing Center (sdeexams@andrews.edu or 269-471-6566). No exam is returned to the student for review. The instructor, to aid studying for future exams can provide feedback on exams.

Suggested schedule for completion in 8 weeks:

Week/Module	Lessons	Readings	Assignments	Outcomes Met
Intro	These items will need to be completed before you will have access to the rest of the course	Orientation Course Overview Introductions Academic Integrity	Student Introductions Academic Integrity Quiz Academic Integrity Statement	
1	The Emergence of the World Christian Movement	HWCM, Foreword and Ch. 1-3	Lesson 1 Knowledge Checks 1.1 – 1.3	SLO1, SLO2
2	The Great Church I: The Movement Meets the Empire	Ch. 6-12 (selected passages)	Lesson 2 Knowledge Checks 2.1 - 2.5 Document Analysis 2.4	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
3	The Great Church II: The Struggle for Identity	Ch. 6-14 (selected passages)	Lesson 3 Knowledge Checks 3.2 - 3.6 Essays 3.5 & 3.6 Discussion 1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4
4	Constantine & the Imperial Church	Ch. 14-16 & pp. 147-152	Lessons 4 Knowledge Checks 4.1 & 4.2 Document Analyses 4.1 & 4.2 Short Answers 4.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
5	Augustine and the Foundations of Western Christendom	Ch. 19 (pp. 209-214) & Ch. 20	Lessons 5 Knowledge Check 5.2 Short Answers 5.1 Short Essays 5.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
6	Orthodoxies -- East and South	Ch. 17-19, 21, 28	Lesson 6 Knowledge Checks 6.1 - 6.3 Short Answer 6.1 & 6.2 Matching Assignment 6.2 Essay 6.2 Discussion 2	SLO1, SLO2
7	PROCTORED MIDTERM EXAM			SLO3, SLO5
8	Encounter with Islam and Expanding Horizons	Ch. 22-25, 29	Lesson 7 Knowledge Check 7.1A - 7.1C Short Answers 7.1 and 7.2 Essay 7.1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
9	Christendom in the West – I: Rise	Ch. 26-27	Lesson 8 Knowledge Checks 8.1A, 8.1B, & 8.3 Short Answers 8.2 & 8.3 Essay 8.2 Discussion 3	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
10	Christendom in the West – II: Zenith	Ch. 30-31 & pp. 351-353, 369-371, 383-386, 412-414	Lesson 9 Knowledge Check 9.1 Short Answers 9.1 & 9.2 Essay 9.1 & 9.3 Document Analysis 9.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4

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11	Christendom in the West – III: Ferment	Ch. 32-33	Lesson 10 Short Answers 10.1 & 10.2 Document Analysis 10.1 Essay 10.1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4
12	Travail and Tenacity in Asia and Africa	Ch. 35, 36, 38	Lesson 11 Knowledge Check 11.1 & 11.2 Short Answer 11 Essay 11 Discussion 4	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4 SLO5
13	Movements for Renewal and Reform	Ch. 37	Lesson 12 Knowledge Check 12.1 & 12.2 Short Answers 12.1 & 12.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3,
14	<i>Final Paper</i> (see instructions)		Final Essay	SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
15	Review for Final Exam			
16	PROCTORED FINAL EXAM			SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4

Suggested schedule for completion in 16 weeks:

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Intro	These items will need to be completed before you will have access to the rest of the course	Orientation Course Overview Introductions Academic Integrity	Student Introductions Academic Integrity Quiz Academic Integrity Statement	
1	The Emergence of the World Christian Movement	HWCM, Foreword and Ch. 1-3	Lesson 1 Knowledge Checks 1.1 – 1.3	SLO1, SLO2
	The Great Church I: The Movement Meets the Empire	Ch. 6-12 (selected passages)	Lesson 2 Knowledge Checks 2.1 - 2.5 Document Analysis 2.4	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
2	The Great Church II: The Struggle for Identity	Ch. 6-14 (selected passages)	Lesson 3 Knowledge Checks 3.2 - 3.6 Essays 3.5 & 3.6 Discussion 1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4
	Constantine & the Imperial Church	Ch. 14-16 & pp. 147-152	Lessons 4 Knowledge Checks 4.1 & 4.2 Document Analyses 4.1 & 4.2 Short Answers 4.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
3	Augustine and the Foundations of Western Christendom	Ch. 19 (pp. 209-214) & Ch. 20	Lessons 5 Knowledge Check 5.2 Short Answers 5.1 Short Essays 5.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
	Orthodoxies -- East and South	Ch. 17-19, 21, 28	Lesson 6 Knowledge Checks 6.1 - 6.3 Short Answer 6.1 & 6.2 Matching Assignment 6.2 Essay 6.2 Discussion 2	SLO1, SLO2

Week/Module	Lessons	Readings	Assignments	Outcomes Met
4	PROCTORED MIDTERM EXAM			SLO3, SLO5
	Encounter with Islam and Expanding Horizons	Ch. 22-25, 29	Lesson 7 Knowledge Check 7.1A - 7.1C Short Answers 7.1 and 7.2 Essay 7.1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
5	Christendom in the West – I: Rise	Ch. 26-27	Lesson 8 Knowledge Checks 8.1A, 8.1B, & 8.3 Short Answers 8.2 & 8.3 Essay 8.2 Discussion 3	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3
	Christendom in the West – II: Zenith	Ch. 30-31 & pp. 351-353, 369-371, 383-386, 412-414	Lesson 9 Knowledge Check 9.1 Short Answers 9.1 & 9.2 Essay 9.1 & 9.3 Document Analysis 9.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4
6	Christendom in the West – III: Ferment	Ch. 32-33	Lesson 10 Short Answers 10.1 & 10.2 Document Analysis 10.1 Essay 10.1	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4
	Travail and Tenacity in Asia and Africa	Ch. 35, 36, 38	Lesson 11 Knowledge Check 11.1 & 11.2 Short Answer 11 Essay 11 Discussion 4	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
7	Movements for Renewal and Reform	Ch. 37	Lesson 12 Knowledge Check 12.1 & 12.2 Short Answers 12.1 & 12.2	SLO1, SLO2, SLO3,
	<i>Final Paper</i> (see instructions)		Final Essay	SLO3, SLO4, SLO5
8	Review for Final Exam			
	PROCTORED FINAL EXAM			SLO1, SLO2, SLO3, SLO4

Completing Assignments

All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through LearningHub unless otherwise instructed. Assignments and exams must be completed **within 180 days** of course registration date. This timeframe is subject to change depending on deadlines set by your home institution.

Part 4: Grading Policy

Graded Course Activities

Percent %	Description
40	Lessons/Lectures & Assignments: knowledge checks, short answers, document analyses, essays
10	Blog Posts
10	Final Essay
20	Mid-term Exam
20	Semester Exam
100	Total Percent Possible

Viewing Grades in Moodle

- Click into the course.
- Click on the **Grades** link in Administration Block to the left of the main course page.

Letter Grade Assignment

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	88-89%
B	83-87%
B-	80-82%
C+	78-79%
C	73-77%
C-	70-72%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Part 5: Course Policies

Withdrawal and Incomplete Policies

The current withdrawal policy can be found online at <https://www.andrews.edu/distance/students/gradplus/withdrawal.html>. The incomplete policy is found online at <http://www.andrews.edu/web/msc/moodle/public/incompletes.html>.

Maintain Professional Conduct Both in the Classroom and Online

The classroom is a professional environment where academic debate and learning take place. Your instructor will make every effort to make this environment safe for you to share your opinions, ideas, and beliefs. In return, you are expected to respect the opinions, ideas, and beliefs of other students—both in the face-to-face classroom and online communication. Students have the right and privilege to learn in the class, free from harassment and disruption.

Academic Accommodations

Students who require accommodations may request an academic adjustment as follows:

1. Read the Andrews University Disability Accommodation information at <https://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/>
2. Download and fill in the disability form at <http://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/accommodationsreqform.pdf>. Preferably type answers. To save a digital copy, 1) print to file and save or 2) print and scan. Email the completed form and disability documentation (if any) to success@andrews.edu or fax it to (269) 471-8407.
3. Email sdestudents@andrews.edu to inform the School of Distance Education that a disability has been reported to Student Success.

Commitment to Integrity

As a student in this course, and at the university, you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning, participation in this course, and integrity in your behavior in and out of this online classroom.

Commitment to Excellence

You deserve a standing ovation based on your decision to enroll in, and effectively complete this course. Along with your pledge of “commitment to Integrity” you are expected to adhere to a “commitment to excellence.” Andrews University has established high academic standards that will truly enhance your writing and communication skills across the disciplines and in diverse milieu with many discourse communities in the workplace.

Honesty

Using the work of another student or allowing work to be used by another student jeopardizes not only the teacher-student relationship but also the student’s academic standing. Lessons may be discussed with other students, tutors may help to guide a student’s work, and textbooks, encyclopedias and other resource materials may be used for additional assistance, but the actual response must be the student’s own work. A student who gives information to another student to be used in a dishonest way is equally guilty of dishonesty.

Any violation of this policy will be taken before the Higher Education Academic and Curriculum Committee for appropriate punitive action.

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