

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile / Spring Term 2008

H -302 B Church History II - Instructor: P. Vethanayagamony

STATEMENT OF GOALS:

1. To enhance understanding of the broad scope of the history of Christianity, its major turning points, personalities, and teachings during the last five centuries.
2. To introduce the history of Christianity as a global religion, and to reflect on the diversity of its beliefs and practices
3. To encourage both a respect for one's own confessional faith and /or faith community, and a tolerance for the diverse views and communities of others.
4. To enhance the ability to read, understand, and discuss primary texts that have made a difference in the Christian tradition.
5. To display the importance of historical context (especially social, political, and religious thought and actions) on the formation of church teachings and practices.
6. To help articulate the value of historical studies to minister-scholar-teachers

OUTLINE AND CONETNT OF THE COURSE:

1. The English Reformation
2. The Colonial Church of North America
3. Orthodoxy
4. Pietism
5. Enlightenment
6. The Evangelical Awakening
7. The Nineteenth Century Theologians and Theorists
8. North American Christianity during the 19th and 20th centuries
9. Global Christianity: Asia, Africa and Latin America
10. The Roman Catholic Experience
11. The major Developments in Twentieth Century
 - a. Ecumenism
 - b. Theological Trends

WORK TO BE REQUIRED:

1. Regular attendance and *active* participation in class.
2. Timely completion of the required readings
3. Successful completion of scheduled tests
4. Reflection papers on required primary readings or on experiential options
5. Research paper
6. Oral presentation on the research project

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