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REL 247 History of Christianity

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Surveys the development of Christianity from its origins to the present.

Provides an introductory overview of the world – wide development of Christianity, focusing on key movements, leaders, turning points and breakthroughs.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Trace the origins of Christianity as it relates to Jewish tradition
- Meet some of the important people and investigate some of the important events in the history of Christianity;
- Identify some of the historical, political and scientific influences which have impacted the history of Christianity
- understand how theoretical teachings of Christianity have developed and changed over its two thousand years;
- Understand changes in various practical applications of Christianity have
- Gain a basic understanding of the adherents of Christianity as they relate to one another
- Explore the richness and complexity of world Christianity
- Identify current issues which impact the future of Christianity

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Required Materials:

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

1. Gonzalaz, *The Story of Christianity*, Vol. 1: Harper-Collins: ISBN# 978-0-061-85588-7
2. Gonzalaz, *The Story of Christianity*, Vol. 2: Harper-Collins: ISBN# 978-0-061-85589-4

The following supplementary materials are available: None

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Topical Description:

The Life of Jesus

Leaders, teachings and growth of the early church

Threats to Christianity

Christianity and the Roman Empire

Expansion of Christianity to the East

Reformation

Christianity and Revolution

Effect of Christianity in Society

Current Trends in Christianity

Future of the Church

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