



Nipawin Bible College
GE2013 Church History I: The Early Church to Reformation
(Deacon's Track)
Fall 2022
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A firm foundation - that is the first requirement for every substantial dwelling that the world has ever known! As Christians we have a firm foundation. This foundation is built upon Christ Jesus who is the cornerstone. Jesus laid that first and most important stone in our foundation, and His Church has continued building upon that foundation ever since. It is this continued foundation that this course helps students understand, appreciate, and learn about. This learning comes from their fellow members of the body of Christ who lived from Pentecost to 1500.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

NOTE: Students are required to read, listening to their audiobook and following along with the written text.

Audio Book:

Ferguson, Everett. *Church History: Volume One, From Christ to the Pre-Reformation: Audio Lectures.*

https://www.audible.ca/pd/Church-History-Volume-One-Audio-Lectures-Audiobook/B076DL5CSV?qid=1663010873&sr=1-3&ref=a_search_c3_lProduct_1_3&pf_rd_p=b278ed0a-c3b2-4491-808c-7cb2190a487c&pf_rd_r=S9BRBX8HFTG55N8QTZHZ

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students will be able to...

1. Nurture their connection with other Christians by being able to identify key figures, events, and theological positions in the history of Christianity from early Christianity to 1492 CE.
2. Be equipped to learn from their fellow members of the Body of Christ by being able to analyze and interact with primary sources with assistance.
3. Apply the wisdom gained from the historical community of the church to evaluate contemporary issues in the student's life and the life of the church.
4. Develop and communicate a biblically informed theology of history.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Quiz - 40%

- The student will participate in a weekly quiz. This quiz will consist of two questions, The first question will remain the same, "I have listened/followed along with the assigned video lecture in full." The second question will relate to that week's assigned audio lecture.

DUE: See the course schedule

Exams - 2 exams, each worth 20% (40% total)

- **Mid-Term Exam (20%)**

The exam will include the following elements:

- A sit-down 10 minute conversation with your professor covering what you have learned so far in the course. Your Prof will ask you questions related to your time in class and assess a mark based on this learning.
- Questions will come from the lectures.

Please book an appointment with your professor prior to the exam date.

DUE: November 4

- **Final Exam (20%)**

The exam will be a scheduled personal exam time booked with the instructor. Plan for a 15-minute exam. This will be an oral exam and will consist of the following elements:

- Several questions relating to Church History 33 A.D. - 1500 A.D. generated from the second half course lectures.
- Responding orally to a question supplied to the student a week prior to the final exam.
- Please book a time with your Prof prior to the final exam. Time slots will be given through a first come-first-serve basis.

DUE: Exam Week

Survey - 20%

- The student will find 3 random people (at work, in town, at sport events) and ask and record the following questions:
 - How do you think our culture today has been shaped by Christian history?

- Can you tell me one thing that happened in Christian history and its impact on our world?
- What is one thing that bothers you about Christian history and why? Or What would you change about Christian history if you could and why?
- Please submit your survey-interview-recording to your professor on or before class on the due date listed below.

DUE: On or before December 5

Assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the date assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

COURSE SCHEDULE

| DATE | TOPIC | ASSIGNMENT | ASSIGNMENT DUE |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Sept. 19 | Introduction and Syllabus | | |
| Sept. 23 | Orthodoxy and Heresies | Ferguson, Chapter 1-2 | -Quiz 1 |
| Sept. 26 | | Ferguson, Chapter 3-4 | |
| Oct. 7 | Spread of Christianity | Ferguson, Chapter 5-6 | -Quiz 2 |
| Oct. 14 | | Ferguson, Chapter 7-8 | |
| Oct. 17 | Nicene Controversies | Ferguson, Chapter 9-11 | -Quiz 3 |
| Oct. 21 | | Ferguson, Chapter 12-13 | |
| Oct. 24 | Diverging East and West | Ferguson, Chapter 14-15 | -Quiz 4 |
| Oct. 28 | | Ferguson, Chapter 16 | |
| Oct. 31 | Worship in the Early Church | | -Quiz 5 |
| Nov. 4 | | | Exam 1 |
| Nov. 14 | Christianity Outside Europe | Ferguson, Chapter 18 | -Quiz 6 |
| Nov. 18 | | Ferguson, Chapter 17 | |
| Nov. 21 | The Making of European Christianity 1 | Ferguson, Chapter 19-20 | -Quiz 7 |
| Nov. 25 | | | |
| Nov. 28 | The Making of European Christianity 2 | Ferguson, Chapter 21-22 | -Quiz 8 |
| Dec. 2 | | | |
| Dec. 5 | Roots of the Reformation and Colonial Christianity | Ferguson, Chapter 23-24 | -Survey (due on or before Dec. 5) -Quiz 9 |
| Dec. 9 | | | |
| Dec. 12 | Humanism | | -Quiz 10 |
| Dec 14-16 (Exam Week) | | | Exam 2 |

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