CH8011W  Christianity through the Centuries: From the Early Church to the Middle Ages

Offered: 2017: Semester 1  (Also available online – see CH8711W)

This unit introduces students to selected key themes and personalities in the history of the Church from the second to the fifteenth centuries. Topics will include the spread of Christianity, church-state relations, ‘heresy’, dissent and schism, the impact of Constantine, monastic movements, and aspects of the Medieval Church.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Outline some key aspects of the Christian story from early to medieval times.
2. Demonstrate basic skills in interpreting historical documents.
3. Assess the significance of selected movements and personalities for the church’s history
4. Describe the contribution of the study of church history to the development of Christian identity.
5. Critically evaluate historical evidence and the construction of historical accounts.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
- One document study (1,000 words) (15%)
- One tutorial paper (1,500 words) (20%)
- One essay (2,500 words) (50%)
- Five 200-word online forum posts (15%)

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Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase