

CH8011W The Story of Christianity Part 1 (CH8711W – Online)

Offered: 2018: Semester 1 (Also available online Semester 1 – as CH8711W)

This unit will introduce students to some of the key themes in the development of the church from the second to the fifteenth century. Students will explore the spread of Christianity, the apostolic tradition, church-state relations, 'heresy', dissent and schism, Constantine and the 'Triumph of Christianity', monasticism, the rise of the papacy, Christian society, the Medieval church, John Wycliffe and Jan Hus.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. outline key aspects of the Christian story from early to medieval times;
2. identify some of the social, political and cultural factors influencing the development of Christianity;
3. demonstrate basic skills in interpreting historical documents;
4. assess the significance of selected movements and personalities for the church's history;
5. describe the contribution of the study of church history to the development of Christian identity; and
6. 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%)
	Five 200-word forum posts	(15%)
	One essay (2,500 words)	(50%)

Faculty: Marita Munro

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Brox, Norbert. *A History of the Early Church*. London: SCM, 1994.

Chadwick, Owen. *A History of Christianity*. New York: Thomas Dunne, 1995.

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*Guy, Laurie. *Introducing Early Christianity*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2004.

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Hamman, Adalbert G. *How to Read the Church Fathers*. London: SCM, 1993.

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Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*. 3rd edn. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2012.

Shelley, Bruce L. *Church History in Plain Language*. 4th edn. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013.

Stevenson, James. *Creeds, Councils and Controversies*. Rev. edn. London: SPCK, 1989.

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