THEO 281: Christianity through time

John Felice Rome Center

Fall term 2019
Wednesdays | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
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1. Course Description

This is a survey course in the history of Christian thought. Students who successfully complete this course will be familiar with major theological developments of Christianity. Seven onsite visits will illustrate and deepen the insights from the classroom learning.

2. Learning objectives

By the end of this class, students should be able to:

- Determine the background of disputed issues in historical theology and assess its significance for today
- Evaluate the experiential learning gained at the onsites and connect it with the development of Christian thought
- Understand the impact of Christian theology and apply it to present-day global challenges

3. Required readings


Loyola students can download the book free of charge: http://loyola-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/LAW:Library_Collections:01LUC_ALMA51141492900002506
The first epistle of Clement to the Corinthians (extracts)
http://www.ewtn.com/library/patristc/anf1-1.htm

The Confessions of Saint Augustine (extracts)
https://www.gutenberg.org/files/3296/3296-h/3296-h.htm

The Rule of Saint Benedict (extracts)
https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/benedict-the-rule-of-st-benedict


4. Attendance Policy

In accordance with the JFRC mission to promote a higher level of academic rigor, all courses adhere to the following absence policy. Prompt attendance, preparation and active participation in course discussions are expected from every student.

This course meets once a week, thus a total of one unexcused absence will be permitted. Unexcused absences beyond these will result in 1% lowering of the final course grade, for every absence after the “approved limit.”

5. Assessment components

Quizzes, short presentations and participation 33.3 %
Onsite reflection papers and midterm paper/exam 33.3 %
Final paper and final exam 33.3 %

6. Grading

94-100: A 90-93: A-
87-89: B+ 84-86: B 80-83: B-
77-79: C+ 74-76: C 70-73: C-
67-69: D+ 60-66: D 59 or lower: F
7. Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are unacceptable at the JFRC and will be dealt with in accordance with Loyola University Chicago’s guidelines. Please familiarize yourself with Loyola's standards here: http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicintegrity.shtml. You are responsible to comply with the LUC Student Handbook.

8. Late or Missed Assignments

Late or missed assignments will not be accepted for grading without the authorization of the instructor.

9. Accessibility Accommodations

Students registered with the Student Accessibility Center requiring academic accommodations should contact the Office of the Dean at the John Felice Rome Center, the first week of classes.

10. Course schedule

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