

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: REL-250A Ancient & Medieval Christian Thought

Department: Liberal Arts

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
REL-250A	Ancient & Medieval Christian Thought	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Liberal Arts	Lower Division	English

Course Description

Early and Medieval Christian Thought focuses upon the development of Christian thinking from apostolic times to the eve of the Protestant Reformation and beyond. It centers on those individuals of the period who influenced thinking and practice in their own as well as subsequent times. It also focuses upon important historical, social and political events that interacted with Christian dogma throughout the centuries.

Prerequisites

None

Topic Areas

1. Main ideas taught by Jesus
2. Gnosticism , Heresies
3. How Christianity became a formal, organized religion
4. Byzantine Christendom
5. Latin Christendom
6. How deferent trends and movements in Christianity developed

Specific Topics to Be Covered

1. Pagan and Hellenistic background
2. Judaism
3. Gnosticism
4. Jesus and his teaching
5. Early Church Fathers
6. Justin Martyr, Origen, Tertullian
7. Trinitarian Controversies
8. Christological Controversies
9. The Byzantine Church
10. Iconoclasm
11. Rise of the Papacy , the Great Schism
12. Monasticism
13. Scholasticism
14. Dawn of Reformation

15. Luther and Calvin
16. English Church
17. American Churches
18. Deism Modern thought and trends-Interaction of Christianity and other religions.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- W.C. Placher History of Christian Theology (1983) The Westminster Press Philadelphia ISBN 0-664- 24496-3.