

# HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

Aug. 25-26, Sept. 15-16, Oct. 13-14, Nov. 3-4, 2023

Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta

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**Course number:** 04HT502

**Class Dates:** Aug. 25-26, Sept. 15-16, Oct. 13-14, Nov. 3-4 ;Fridays: 6-9 pm; Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Catalog Course Description:** This general introduction to Christianity in the early and medieval periods focuses on developments in Christian doctrine and great leaders from Justin Martyr to John Hus who made contributions of lasting significance to the Christian Church.

## Course Objectives:

- To familiarize students with the emergence and growth of Christianity in the Mediterranean Graeco-Roman world and its spread from there eastward and westward. Particular emphasis is laid on the development of Christian devotion, theology and architecture in the context of Western Europe
- To gain the ability to speak and write insightfully regarding the interpretation of this history and the application of its lessons to modern Christianity

## Course Texts (3):

Henry Bettenson & Chris Maunder, eds. *Documents of the Christian Church* 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, (Oxford, 2011)

*Be sure to obtain the 4<sup>th</sup> edition as documents will be identified by page no.*

Justo González, *The Story of Christianity* Vol. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (HarperOne, 2010); insist on 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Kenneth J. Stewart, *In Search of Ancient Roots: the Christian Past and the Evangelical Identity Crisis*.

(InterVarsity, 2017) **Free copies available from Dr. Stewart. Email him to receive yours.**

## Recommended:

Nancy Vyhmeister, *Quality Research Papers for Students in Religion and Theology* (Zondervan). Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition, any edition will help you craft better writing assignments.

Tim Dowley, ed. *Baker Atlas of Christian History* (Baker, 1997)

[Economical used editions of all titles are available from the following: amazon.com; abebooks.com; betterworldbooks.com; thriftbooks.com]

## Course Requirements:

**Book Review:** A 1,000-word review of a biography or church-historical work pertaining to the period up to 1500. Submit electronically as a Word document. The instructor will provide fuller details as to what is expected. 15% of final score.

**Examinations (2):** A mid-term exam on Fri. Oct 13th and a final exam two weeks following the final class meeting (which will be Nov. 4) Value: 25% for mid-term; 25% for final. Your final exam will be written within Canvas during a 24-hour period Nov.17-18.

## Due:

**Review due Saturday, Sept. 16th by 9:00 pm.**

**Mid-term: Fri. Oct. 13th at 6:00 pm**

**Final exam: Nov.17th-18th**

**Essay:** You will compose a 3,000-word essay which will investigate (rather than simply narrate) a question or problem in Christian history up to 1500. You will assemble a bibliography of 6-8 items, use the best sources available and properly document quoted material (best guide: Nancy Vyhmeister, *Quality Research Papers*). Submit electronically as a Word document. Worth 25% of final score

**Participation:** The instructor will gauge each student's preparedness (in light of assigned reading) and participation in the class. This component will include each student's in-class introduction of a historical document, provided in Bettenson & Maunder or available pdf documents. Worth: 10% of final score

**Essay due by Fri. Dec. 1st @ 9:00 p.m.**  
**(Draft Essays submitted by Fri. Nov. 24th @9:00 p.m. can be given comments for improvement.)**

**Document presentations scattered through the course. Sign up early!**

### Schedule of Lectures and Readings

| Date/hour             | Topic  | Readings DCC = Documents of the Christian Church   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Fri. Aug. 25</b>   |  |  |
| 6pm                   | Introductions. The Syllabus. <i>How Early Christianity is now on the Radar of the Contemporary Church.</i> | Stewart, <i>In Search of Ancient Roots</i> , chap. 1   |
| 7pm                   | <i>The Church to the death of the last Apostle</i>   | González chap. 3   |
| 8pm                   | <i>The Early Church's Mission to the Gentiles</i>  | González chap. 4<br>DCC pp. 5-7  |
| <b>Sat. Aug. 26</b>   |  |  |
| 8:30am                | <i>The Church in the Empire to the Year 200: At first on the Coat-tails of Judaism</i>                     | González chap. 5<br>DCC pp. 1-5  |
| 9:30am                | <i>The Church in the Empire to the Year 200: Open Persecution in the Second Century</i>                    | González chap. 6<br>DCC p.3-5; 9e-13, 13f  |
| 10:30am               | <i>Defending the Faith to the Year 200: The Apologists</i>   | Gonzales chap. 7<br>DCC 5a-7c, 8c  |
| 11:30am               | <i>Articulating the Faith to the Year 200: The Early Theologians</i>                                       | González chap. 9,<br>DCC 74-76 (re. Tertullian)  |
| 12:30-1:30            | <b>Lunchbreak</b>  |  |
| 1:30pm                | <i>The Shape of the Faith in Early Third Century: NT Canon and Christian Confessions</i>                   | González chap. 8, Stewart, <i>In Search of</i> chap.3. DCC pp. 30.III                            |
| 2:30pm                | <i>Systematic Waves of Persecution in the Third Century: Consequent Pastoral Problems</i>                  | González chap. 10<br>DCC pp. 14,15 docs. g,h,i ;   |
| 3:30pm                | <i>Church, Ministry and Sacraments in the Persecuted Church</i>  | González chap. 11,<br>pp. 105-115 DCC 72-83  |
| <b>Fri. Sept. 15.</b> |  |  |
| 6pm                   | <i>Missionary Methods in the Early Church</i>  | González chap. 11.pp.115-117 versus Smither, <i>Mission in EC</i> chap. 2                        |
| 7pm                   | <i>Constantine and the Transformation of an Imperiled Church</i>   | González chaps. 12,13<br>DCC pp.15j through 20 doc. o.   |
| 8pm                   | <i>The Constantinization of Christianity: Some Repercussions. a) Monasticism</i>                           | González chap. 15; See also Gonz.277-281<br>DCC 122-140<br>Stewart, <i>In Search of</i> chap. 11 |

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| <b>Sat. Sept. 16</b> |  |   |
| 8:30am               | <i>Repercussions: b) The Donatist Schism</i>   | González chap. 16; DCC 83b-86   |
| 9:30am               | <i>Repercussions: c) The Emperor &amp; Theology</i>  | González chaps. 14, 17; DCC 41d-43mid   |
| 10:30am              | <i>The Arian Controversy; Athanasius. The Cappadocians</i>   | González chaps. 19, 20 DCC 45.2 -48   |
| 11:30am              | <i>Jerome: textual scholar and commentator</i>   | González chap. 23   |
| 12:30-1:30           | <b>Lunchbreak</b>  |   |
| 1:30pm               | <i>Augustine: bishop and theologian</i>  | González chap. 24; DCC 56.II-62   |
| 2:30pm               | <i>Christianity in the West without Imperial Rome</i>  | González chaps. 25 & 26, pp. 222-241  |
| 3:30pm               | <i>The Roman Primacy in the First Six Centuries</i><br><b>Book review due by 9:00 pm today.</b>                            | González chap. 27 pp. 281-289 DCC pp. 85-88. Stewart <i>In Search</i> chap. 13                        |
| <b>Fri. Oct. 13</b>  |  |   |
| 6pm                  | <b>Mid Term Exam</b>   | <b>(Covers thru' Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> September)</b>  |
| 7pm                  | <i>The Problem of Development of Doctrine in Early Christianity. If Antiquity is to be preferred, then what?</i>           | DCC pp. 88-90. See Gonzales re. Vincent's 'canon' at his p. 250.<br>Stewart, <i>In Search</i> chap. 4 |
| 8 pm                 | <i>Developments in Eastern Christianity with Constantinople as Center. Significance of Chalcedon.</i>                      | González chap. 28<br>DCC 52b-54c  |
| <b>Sat. Oct. 14</b>  |  |   |
| 8:30am               | <i>The Spread of Islam: Why the Minimal Christian Resistance to Islam in the Middle East &amp; N. Africa?</i>              | González chap. 27 pp. 289-93 and 309-313  |
| 9:30am               | <i>Western Christianity Under a Revived Imperial Power; The Necessary Evil of Feudalism</i>                                | González chap. 28<br>DCC 102.I thru' 106top   |
| 10:30am              | <i>Reactions in Monasteries and Papacy to Repercussions of Feudalism.</i>  | González chap. 30 pp.327-333<br>DCC 109d-116  |
| 11:30am              | <i>The subsequent 11<sup>th</sup> Century Flowering of New Monastic Orders. Bernard's Influence</i>                        | González chap. 30 pp. 333-344   |
| 12:30-1:30pm         | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |   |
| 1:30pm               | <i>Western Christianity versus the Muslim World: The Crusading Era as a Response to Provocations</i>                       | González chap. 31 pp. 345-352<br>Read Riley-Smith article provided by Dr. Stewart                     |
| 2:30pm               | <i>The Crusading Era: The Lingering Legacy</i>   | González chap. 31 pp. 352-356   |
| 3:30pm               | <i>New Mendicant Orders: Their Ongoing Significance</i>  | González chap. 32 pp. 357-368 DCC 135-139   |
| <b>Fri. Nov. 3</b>   |  |   |
| 6:00pm               | <i>The High Noon of Medieval Catholicism: Scholastic Theology and the Rise of the Universities</i>                         | González chap. 32<br>pp. 369-385; DCC 141-159   |
| 7:00pm               | <i>Rising Nation-States on Collision Course with the Papacy: Result- Captivity for the Church, Divisions in the Papacy</i> | González chap. 33<br>DCC 118b thru' 121   |
| 8:00pm               | <i>Who Can Reform Abuses in the Church? The Conciliarist Answer.</i>   | González chap. 34<br>pp. 407-411, DCC 143i&ii   |

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| <b>Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b> |   |   |
| 8:30pm                          | <i>Who Can Reform Abuses in the Church? The Answer of the Advocates of Reform: Wyclif, Hus, Savonarola</i>                    | González chap. 34<br>pp. 411-425 DCC 184 thru'193 |
| 9:30am                          | <i>Church Architecture through the Gothic era</i>   | Pdf articles: "Basilica", "Cathedral"             |
| 10:30am                         | <i>Christian Devotion across the first Millennium</i>   | Pdf articles: "Relics", "Western Pilgrimages"     |
| 11:30am                         | <i>Italy's Renaissance: Christian Consequences? Ancient Languages, Manuscript Comparison, Search for Ancient 'Originals'.</i> | González chap. 35.pp. 432-441                     |
| 12:30-1:30                      | <b>Lunch Break</b>  |   |
| 1:30pm                          | <i>The Wider Renaissance and the Christian Church</i>   | González chap. 35 pp. 441-446                     |
| 2:30pm                          | <i>Spain Goes Transoceanic: Consequences</i><br><i>Portugal goes Transoceanic: Consequences</i>                               | González chap. 36<br>Gonzales chap. 37            |
| 3:30pm                          | <i>The Portuguese-Spanish Rivalry and the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)</i>  | González chap. 38                                 |

## **A Select Bibliography for Early and Medieval Christianity**

Please also consult the chapter-end bibliographies in González.

**Reference Works** (if recent, invaluable for bibliography)

Jerald Brauer, ed. *Westminster Dictionary of Church History*

F.M. Cross, ed. *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*

J.D. Douglas, ed. *New International Dictionary of the Christian Church*

Everett Ferguson, ed. *An Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*

### **Books by Topic (Alphabetical Order of Topics)**

#### **Biography (Individual)**

#### **Augustine**

Roy Battenhouse, ed. *An Introduction to the Study of Augustine*

Gerald Bonner, *St. Augustine, his life and controversies*

Peter Brown, *Augustine*

#### **Augustine of Canterbury**

Margaret Deanesly, *Augustine of Canterbury*

#### **Bernard**

Adrian Bredero, *Bernard of Clairvaux: Between Cult and History*

#### **Chrysostom**

J.N.D. Kelly, *Goldenmouth: A Life of Chrysostom*

#### **Constantine**

T.D. Barnes, *Constantine and*

*Eusebius*

Herman Doerries, *Constantine the Great*

Michael Grant, *Constantine*

A.H.M. Jones, *Constantine and the Conversion of Europe*

Peter Leithart, *Defending Constantine*

Edward Smither, ed. *Re-thinking Constantine*

#### **Francis of Assisi**

T.S.R. Boase, *St. Francis of Assisi*

Mark Galli, *St. Francis of Assisi and his World*

Jerome

J.N.D. Kelly, *Jerome*

Origen

Henri Crouzel, *Origen*

J.W. Trigg, *Origen*

Patrick

R.P.C. Hanson, *St. Patrick: His Origins & Career*

Tertullian

T.D. Barnes, *Tertullian*, 1971

Gerald Bray, *Holiness and the Will of God*, 1979

### **Canon of the N.T.**

William Abraham, *Canon and Criterion in Christian Theology*

Craig D. Allert, *A High View of Scripture: The Authority of the Bible and the Formation of the NT Canon*

F.F. Bruce, *The Canon of Scripture*

David De Silva, *An Introduction to the Apocrypha*

Floyd Filson, *How We Got our Bible*

C.E. Hill, *Who Chose the Gospels?*

Michael J. Kruger, *Canon Revisited*

Lee Martin MacDonald, ed. *The Canon Debate*

Bruce Metzger, *The Canon of the New Testament*

Bruce Metzger, *The Apocrypha*

Jaroslav Pelikan, *Whose Bible Is it? A Short History of the Scriptures*

Alexander Souter, *The Text and Canon of the New Testament*

Hans von Campenhausen, *The Making of the Christian Bible*

### **Church Fathers (Collective biographical treatment)**

David Eastman, *Early North African Christianity*

Michael Svigel, *Retro Christianity*

Paul Foster, ed. *Early Christian Thinkers*

Hans Von Campenhausen, *Fathers of the Church*

Michael Haykin, *Rediscovering the Church Fathers*

J.W.C. Wand, *Doctors and Councils*

Bryan Litfin, *Getting to Know the Church Fathers*

Thomas Oden, *How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind*

G.L. Prestige, *Fathers and Heretic*

### **Conciliarism, Late Medieval**

J.P. Whitney, *Essays on the Conciliar Epoch*

Matthew Spinka, *John Hus and the Council of Constance*

Matthew Spinka, *Advocates of Reform*

### **Councils, Early Church or Ecumenical**

Christopher Bellitto, *The General Councils*

R. V. Sellers, *The Council of Chalcedon*

Gerald Bray, *Creeds, Councils, and Controversies*

J.W.C. Wand, *Doctors and Councils*

Alan Richardson, *Creeds in the Making*

### **Contemporary Fascination with the Early and Medieval Church**

Thomas Cahill, *How the Irish Saved Civilization*

Rutbe Community, *Twelve Marks of the New Monasticism*

William Dalrymple, *From the Holy Mountain: A*

*Journey Among Christians of the East*

Robert Webber, *Ancient-Future Faith*

Frederica Matthews-Green, *At the Corner of East and Now: A Modern Life in Ancient Orthodoxy*

D.H. Williams, *The Free Church and the Early Church*

Christopher Hall, *Reading Scripture with the Church Fathers*

D. H. Williams, *Retrieving the Tradition and Renewing Evangelicalism*

Christopher Hall, *Praying with the Church Fathers*

*Evangelicals and Tradition*

George Kalantzis and Andrew Tooley, eds. *Evangelicals and the Early Church*

Elizabeth Zelensky & Lela Gilbert, *Windows to Heaven: Introducing Icons*

### **The Crusades**

Richard Fletcher, *The Cross and the Crescent:*

*Christianity and Islam from Muhammad to the Reformation*

Christopher Maier, *Preaching the Crusades*

Jonathan Riley-Smith *What Were the Crusades?*

*Oxford Illustrated History of the Crusades*

Carol Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: A Muslim Perspective*

Stephen Runciman, *The Crusades*

Thomas F. Madden, *A Concise History of the Crusades*

Christopher Tyerman, *Fighting for Christendom*

## Medieval Spirituality & Devotion

Rosalind and Christopher Brooke, *Popular Religion in Western Europe 1000-1300*  
Joan Evans, ed. *The Flowering of the Middle Ages*

Jonathan Sumption, *Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages:*

## Doctrine, Theology of the Early Church

J.F. Bethune-Baker, *A History of Early Christian Doctrine*  
Gerald Bray, *The Interpretation of the Bible*  
Robert M. Grant, *A Short History of the Interpretation of the Bible*  
R.P.C. Hanson, *Tradition in the Early Church*  
Christopher Hall, *Reading Scripture with the Church Fathers*  
Stuart G. Hall, *Doctrine and Practice in the Early Church*

Clayton Jefford, et al, *Reading the Apostolic Fathers: An Introduction*  
J.N.D. Kelly, *Early Christian Doctrine*  
Boniface Ramsey, *Beginning to Read the Fathers*  
H.B. Swete, *Patristic Study*  
Thomas Torrance, *The Doctrine of Grace in the Apostolic Fathe*

## Heresies (Early Church)

E.C. Blackman, *Marcion and His Influence*  
Harold O.J. Brown, *Heresies and Orthodoxy in the Life of the Church*  
Walter Bauer, *Orthodoxy and Heresy in Earliest Christianity*  
W.H.C. Friend, *The Donatist Church*

W.H.C. Friend, *The Novatian Schism*  
John Henry Newman, *The Arian Controversy of the Fourth Century*  
Rowan Williams, *Arius*

## Heresies (Medieval)

Gordon Leff, *Medieval Heresy*  
Euan Cameron, *Medieval Heresy*

Alister McGrath, *Heresy: A History of Defending the Truth*

## Humanism, Medieval

Christopher Brooke, *The Twelfth Century Renaissance The Structure of Medieval Society*  
C.H. Haskins, *The Medieval Universities*

C.H. Haskins, *The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century*  
Frederick Heer, *The Medieval World*

## Missions and Evangelism in Early Centuries

Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*  
Ramsay MacMullan, *Christianizing the Roman Empire: 100-400 A.D.*  
Stephen Neill, *A History of Missions*  
A.D. Nock, *Conversion*

Edward Smither, *Mission in the Early Church*  
Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity*  
Ian Wood, *The Missionary Life: Saints and the Evangelization of Europe*

## Missions, Medieval

Christopher Dawson, ed. *Mission to Asia: Narratives and Letters of the Franciscan Missionaries in Mongolia and China in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries.*  
J.R.S. Philips, *The Medieval Expansion of Europe (Mission to China)*

John V. Tolan, *St. Francis and the Sultan*  
an Wood, *The Missionary Life: Saints and the Evangelization of Europe*

## Monasticism

Christopher Brooke, *The Age of the Cloister*  
Owen Chadwick, *John Cassian*  
Owen Chadwick, ed. *Western Asceticism*  
Derwas Chitty, *The Desert a City*  
Joan Evans, *Cluny*  
Douglas Christie, *The Word in the Desert*  
David Knowles, *Christian Monasticism From Pachomius to Ignatius: A History of Religious Orders*  
Jean LeClerq, *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God*

C.H. Lawrence, *Medieval Monasticism: Forms of Religious Life in Western Europe in the Middle Ages*  
*The Friars: The Impact of the Mendicant Movement*  
Philip Rousseau, *Ascetics, Authority and the Church in the Age of Jerome and Cassian*  
R.W. Southern, *Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages*  
Philip Rousseau, *Pachomius*  
H.B. Workman, *The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal*  
George Zarnecki, *The Monastic Achievement*

## The Papacy

Geoffrey Barraclough, *The Medieval Papacy*  
Eamon Duffy, *Saints and Sinners: A History of the Papacy*  
B.J. Kidd, *The Roman Primacy to 412 A.D.*  
Colin Morris, *The Papal Monarchy*

John W. O'Malley, *A History of the Popes: From Peter to the Present*  
Gerd Tellenbach, *Church and State in the Investiture Controversy*  
Walter Ullmann, *The Medieval Papacy*

## Persecution (Early Church and Medieval)

W.H.C. Friend, *Martyrdom and Persecution in the Early Church*  
H.B. Workman, *Persecution in the Early Church*  
Euan Cameron, *Waldenses: Rejections of Holy Church in Medieval Europe*  
Malcolm Lambert, *Medieval Heresy: Popular Movements from the Gregorian Reform to the Reformation*

## Advocates of Reform, or Reformers before the Reformation

Heiko Oberman, *Forerunners of the Reformation*  
Stephen Ozment, *The Reformation in Medieval Perspective*  
Matthew Spinka, ed., *Advocates of Reform*

### Hus

Matthew Spinka, *John Hus: A Biography*  
*John Hus and the Czech Reform*

*Hus' Concept of the Church*  
*John Hus and the Council of Constanc*

### Savonarola

Rachel Erlanger, *Savonarola: Unarmed Prophet*  
Richard Renner, *Savonarola : the First Protestant*

Roberto Ridolfi, *The Life of Girolamo Savonarola*

### Wyclif

G.R. Evans, *John Wyclif: Myth and Reality*  
H.E. Winn, ed. *Wyclif: Select English Works*

G.M. Trevelyan, *England in the Age of Wyclif*  
H.B. Workman, *Wyclif: A Study of the English Medieval Church*

## The History of the Bible

Warren Chapell, *A Short History of the Printed Word*  
Elisabeth Eisenstein, *The Printing Press as an Agent of Change*  
S.L. Greenslade et al, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Bible* (3 volumes)  
Robert M. Kingdon, ed. *Transition and Revolution* (relevant for the history of printing)  
Philip Christopher Levy, *Holy Scripture and the Quest for Authority at the End of the Middle Ages*  
Bruce M. Metzger, *The Bible in Translation*  
Denis Nineham, ed. *The Church's Use of the Bible: Past and Present.*  
Beryl Smalley, *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages*

## Zoom and Extension Policy

### Zoom Policy

Your professor may allow you to Zoom into class or watch Zoom recordings for excused absences based on the professor's discretion and subject to the availability of equipment. Students should contact their professor well in advance of the class meeting. For a third absence the Registrar should be consulted. Your professor may require additional interactive assignments to offset the absence of classroom interaction. Sync or Remote Live courses have priority for the limited Zoom equipment.

### Extension Policy

All assignments and exams are to be completed by the deadlines announced in this syllabus or in class. Extensions for assignments and exams due within the normal duration of the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. Extensions of two weeks or less beyond the date of the last deadline for the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. A grade penalty may be assessed. Extensions of greater than two weeks but not more than six weeks beyond the last deadline for the course may be granted in extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness, family emergency). For an extension of more than two weeks the student must request an Extension Request Form from the Student Services Office. The request must be approved by the Professor and the Academic Dean. A grade penalty may be assessed. (RTS Catalog p. 42 and RTS Atlanta Student Handbook p. 14). Any incompletes not cleared six weeks after the last published due date for course work will be converted to a failing grade. Professors may have the failing grade changed to a passing grade by request. (RTS Catalog p. 42)

**Course Objectives Related to MDiv\* Student Learning Outcomes**

Course: 01HT502 History of Christianity I

Professor: Ken Stewart

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Date: August 25th, 2023 through Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

| <b>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</b>  |   | <b>Rubric</b>   | <b>Mini-Justification</b>  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p><i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Strong</li> <li>➤ Moderate</li> <li>➤ Minimal</li> <li>➤ None</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</b>  | Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. Also includes ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.  | Strong  | The course aims to prepare men and women who are able to perform statesman-like functions for the Christian message, i.e. to articulate what has been the Christian past and present position.                             |
| <b>Scripture</b>  | Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.) | Moderate  | The course will draw attention to the early norming function of the OT Scriptures and the 'word of the Lord' relayed by Apostolic teaching, spoken and recorded in writing, from earliest Christianity forward.            |
| <b>Reformed Theology</b>  | Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.  | Strong  | The course will draw attention to the early Christian theologians and apologists who helped to establish the discipline of Christian theology. Some of these, more than others, inform the Reformed theological tradition. |
| <b>Sanctification</b>   | Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.  | Moderate  | We will observe plenty of Christian heroes and heroines who displayed Christ-like qualities.   |
| <b>Desire for Worldview</b>   | Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.   | Strong  | Christian history shows us admirable persons who marched to a different drumbeat (the Word) than was prevalent in their societies  |
| <b>Winsomely Reformed</b>   | Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)   | Strong  | The course, instead of exalting Christian leaders who were fractious or bellicose will draw attention to those who were known for their holiness and ecumenicity.  |
| <b>Pastoral Ministry</b>  | Ability to minister the Word of God to hearts and lives of both church and unchurched, to include preaching, teaching, leading in worship, leading, and shepherding the local congregation, aiding in spiritual maturity, concern for non-Xns.  | Moderate  | We will certainly observe exemplary evangelists, pastors and teachers.   |