

Brief Course Outline

Course Title:

Church History

Course Number and Section

CHURCH

5104A 550

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Course Description:

The history of the Christian Church from its origin to the late Middle Ages.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- Provide an outline of the main events, locations, ideas, and personalities in the history of Christianity from the early period to the late middle ages.
- Locate, identify, and evaluate primary and secondary literature in the subject area, and be able to offer constructive critiques of the same.
- Appreciate the diversity of religious experiences in early Christianity and the solidity of the Christian achievement in the middle ages.
- Understand the relationship of Christians with Jews and Muslims.
- Critically evaluate the usefulness of the textbook and the perspective of its author.
- Make connections between issues and debates that have relevance for Christian life and ministry today.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

The required textbook is:

Justo L. González, The Story of Christianity, vol.1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2010. 2nd. edition.

While there is online access to this work through OMNI (https://ocul-uwo.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01OCUL_UWO/10ork91/alma991046754166505163), it is limited to two users.

Purchase the print version at the bookstore. Cost: about \$34. Details of the text's availability at the bookstore is here [CHU 5104A Custom Link](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbookstore.uwo.ca%2Ftextbook-search%3Fcampus%3DHWC%26term%3DW2026A%26courses%255B0%255D%3D550_HC%2FCHU5104A&data=05%7C02%7Cthomas.power%40wycliffe.utoronto.ca%7C3b3562ae429044c6e89e08dee1c594be%7C78aac2262f034b4d9037b46d56c55210%7C0%7C0%7C639196435)

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Students taking the course remotely should order the book immediately.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Quiz	Weekly	25
Short Paper 1	10/12/2026	20
Short Paper 2	11/16/2026	20
Final Project or Exam	12/07/2026	25
Participation	12/07/2026	10

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For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.