

**WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

**VIRTUAL CAMPUS**

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY**

**WINTER 2019**

**Wayland Mission Statement:** Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Course Title and Number:** THST 4350 VC01 Church History

**Term:** Winter 2019

**Name of Instructor:** Dr. Michael A. Dain

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**Office Hours, Building, and Location:** Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. M-TH; 8:30 – noon F; Lubbock Campus.

**Class Meeting Time and Location:** Asynchronous Virtual Campus

**Catalog Description:** History of the Christian Church.

**Prerequisites:** RLGN 1301, RLGN 1302

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Resource Material:**

* Joseph Early, Jr. *A History of Christianity: An Introductory Survey*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Academic, 2015. ISBN 13: 978-1433672217

Optional Materials:

**Course Outcome Competencies:**

1. Be able to identify the major periods, movements, and trends in the history of western Christianity.

2. Be able to describe the life and work of selected persons who are significant in the history of western Christianity.

3. Be able to interpret the relationship of Christianity to the evolution of western culture.

4. Understand the importance of primary sources for the writing of history

**Attendance Requirements:** Students enrolled at one of the University’s external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up.

When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the chair of the division in which the course is offered. **Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University’s attendance policy.**

**Disability Statement:**  In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.”

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:**

* **Reading Reports on Primary Sources**: I will post ten primary sources during ten weeks of the term. The student will prepare **four** reading reports on these primary sources. The reading reports need to include a summary of the contents and an analysis of the individuals related to the primary source, such as the author or recipient of the document, the historical context of the document and the significance of the document for the understanding of church history. Each report should be at least 3 pages in length.
* **Discussion Board Questions:** Each of the first ten weeks I will post discussion board questions on the discussion board forum. These questions will deal with lectures, primary readings and textbook readings from each week. You will be evaluated on accuracy, relevance and understanding of the topics discussed.
* **Research Paper**: The student will prepare a 10-12 page research paper over a church history topic approved by the instructor. The paper must adhere to the guidelines published by Wayland’s School of Religion and Philosophy, available at [**http://www.wbu.edu/academics/schools/religion\_and\_philosophy/student\_help/documents/Digest.pdf**](http://www.wbu.edu/academics/schools/religion_and_philosophy/student_help/documents/Digest.pdf) online. A list of possible paper topics will be found on blackboard.
* **Weekly Quizzes**: The student will be tested weekly over the readings assigned for the week. Quizzes will be objective and are designed to make sure that the student completes and understands the material assigned.

**Grading and Evaluation**:

* **Procedure for computations of final grade**
  + **Primary Readings reports 30%**
  + **Discussion Board 20%**
  + **Research Paper 30%**
  + **Weekly Quizzes 20%**

**Grading for Course**:

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| Letter Grade | Percentage |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | Below 60 |
| I | An incomplete may be given to a student who is passing, but has not completed some required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. |

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

**Tentative Schedule**

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| **Week Beginning** | **Reading Assignment** | **Other Assignment** |
| 1 Nov 11 | *History of Christianity* 1-3 |  |
| 2 Nov 18 | *History of Christianity* 4-6 | Reading report due at the end of the week |
| 3 Dec 2 | *History of Christianity* 7-9 |  |
| 4 Dec 9 | *History of Christianity* 10-12 | Reading report due at the end of the week |
| 5 Dec 16 | *History of Christianity* 13-15 |  |
| 6 Jan 6 | *History of Christianity* 16-18 | Reading report due at the end of the week |
| 7 Jan 13 | *History of Christianity* 19-21 |  |
| 8 Jan 20 | *History of Christianity* 22-24 | Reading Report due at the end of the week |
| 9 Jan 27 | *History of Christianity* 25-27 |  |
| 10 Feb 3 | *History of Christianity* 28-29 | **Research paper due** |
| 11 Feb 10 | Course wrap up |  |