

Syllabus for Church History II (CH 502)

Front Range Bible Institute

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Course Description

The course “Church History II” is a study of how Christ has built his church from the time just prior to the Reformation to the present day. The course will have classroom lectures and discussions, so students are encouraged to participate by asking and answering questions and taking notes.

The course will include outside reading, quizzes and exams based on reading and classroom discussions, and a book report on one original source.

Course Objectives:

- To give the student a working knowledge of the major events, people, theologies, worship, and practices of the church from the pre-Reformation era to today
- To equip the student to grasp the historical development of fundamental Christian doctrines
- To alert students to particular strengths and weaknesses of the church through the centuries
- To sharpen the student’s ability to utilize Scripture truthfully by observing the way previous Christians applied the Bible to their context
- To give the student a broader understanding of himself by entering into the lives of those who have come before him in the church
- To inspire the student to faith working through love by observing God’s providence
- To deepen the student’s appreciation for how God is glorified as Christ builds his church throughout history, including in the modern era

Required Course Materials

- Reading materials
 - *Church History Volume Two: From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day*, by John D. Woodbridge and Frank A. James, III, Zondervan.
 - The student will choose one original source to read from the list of primary sources below.
 - Master’s level students will also choose additional reading from the bibliography below.
- Computer
 - All work submitted electronically should be in Microsoft Word documents (.doc).

Course Requirements

- Attendance at all classes
 - Take notes and participate in class discussion.
 - If you know in advance that you will miss a class, please notify the professor ahead of time to obtain an excused absence. The student should watch the video of the class period at ecampus.frbible.org.

- **Reading – Due March 8**
 - The student will record the books read and how many pages were read in each book. This record will be submitted to the instructor by March 8.
 - Certificate level – 500 pages from textbook
 - B.B.S. – at least 600 pages from textbook and original source
 - M.B.S. – at least 900 pages from textbook, original source, and recommended resources in the bibliography below
 - M.Div. – at least 900 pages from textbook, original source, and recommended resources in the bibliography below
- **Quizzes/Examinations**
 - All students will take periodic quizzes over the material covered in class. These will be unannounced and at the discretion of the professor.
 - There will one mid-term exam and one final exam.
- **Book Report on one original source – Due March 8**
 - All students will write a book report on one original source from the list of primary sources below. In order to understand history, you must learn to read well!
 - The professor must approve the book.
 - Report length requirements
 - Certificate level – 2-5 pages (double spaced)
 - B.B.S. – 5-10 pages (double spaced)
 - M.B.S. – 10-20 pages (double spaced)
 - M.Div. – 10-20 pages (double spaced)
 - The report must follow the basic outline given by Mortimer Adler and Charles Van Doren in *How to Read a Book*:
 - What is the book about as a whole?
 - What is being said in detail, and how?
 - Is the book true, in whole or part?
 - What of it?

Course Grading Criteria and Grading Scale

- **Grading Criteria**
 - 20% Attendance and participation
 - 30% Reading
 - 30% Quizzes/Examinations
 - 20% Book Report
- **Grading Scale – see FRBI catalogue**
- **Late work and make-up work**
 - Reading reports and book reports submitted after March 8 will automatically receive a one letter grade reduction, until March 15. Any work not submitted by the conclusion of the class will not be accepted, unless specific arrangements have been approved by the professor because of exceptional circumstances. Plan now to submit your work on time!
 - Missed quizzes and examinations must be made up within two weeks in order to receive credit.

Course Schedule

Date:	Requirements and Lecture Topic:
Jan 4	Introduction to course Chap. 1: European Christianity...(1300-1500) Chap. 2: The Renaissance and the Christian Faith
Jan 11	Chap. 3: Luther's Reformation Chap. 4: The Swiss Reformations
Jan 18	Chap. 5: Radicals and Rome Chap. 6: Reformations in England
Jan 25	Chap. 7: Refining the Reformation Chap. 8: Christianity in an Age of Fear, Crisis, and Exploration
Feb 1	Chap. 9: Christianity and the Question of Authority Chap. 10: Christianity under Duress
Feb 8	Mid-term exam Chap. 11: Christianity in the Age of Lights (1)
Feb 15	Chap. 12: Christianity in the Age of Lights (2) Chap. 13: Christianity in the Age of Lights (3)
Feb 22	Chap. 14: Christianity in the Age of Revolutions Chap. 15: Adjusting to Modernization and Secularism
Mar 1	Chap. 16: Nineteenth-Century Christianity in the British Isles Chap. 17: The Christian Churches on the European Continent
Mar 8	Book Reports and Reading Reports Due Chap. 18: Global Christianity Chap. 19: Modern Theological Trajectories
Mar 15	Final Examination Chap. 21: Contemporary American Evangelicalism

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