CHURCH HISTORY 1: PATRISTIC AND MEDIEVAL **HST-D500**

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DESCRIPTION

A survey of the major theological, political, and social/cultural developments in the Christian church from the end of the New Testament era to the eve of the Reformation. Focus will be placed on the Latin speaking church, but other parts of the world will be brought in as well. Secondary sources and lectures will provide the historical context for the reading and study of primary texts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an understanding and appreciation of the progression of history in the Catholic Church, acquainting students with a broad range of historical figures, events, places, and movements in early and medieval Christianity
2. To situate the history of Christianity within its broader social, cultural, and intellectual context
3. To introduce the student to various historical and literary sources, and to the methods of interpretation used in historical research
4. To gain an understanding of the significance of church history for the worshipping community's growth and commitment to Christ

PROCEDURES:

The course will include lecture, discussion, and oral and written activities.

EVALUATION

Student progress is evaluated through classroom participation, written assignments, and final paper or examination.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Placher, William C., ed. *Readings in the History of Christian Theology*. Vol. 1, *From Its Beginnings to the Eve of the Reformation*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1988.

Irvin, Dale T., and Scott W. Sunquist. *History of the World Christian Movement*. Vol. 1, *Earliest Christianity to 1453*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2001.

Other texts made available through the e-reserve system at Saint Louis University's Pius XII Memorial Library.