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## **HI-505 Church History and Canonicity**

2017 SPRING TRIMESTER,  
JAN 11-APR 19  
CAMPUS CLASSES (CC) AND ONLINE CLASSES (OC)

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a study of the historical of Christianity from the second century to the Modern era, with special emphasis on the development of canon and the issue of canonicity in the history of the church. **3 Units**

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

1. *The Holy Bible*. A translation based on formal equivalence, such as the *New King James Version* or the *New American Standard Bible*, is recommended for study.
2. *Inspiration and Canonicity of Scripture*. R. Laird Harris, Wipf and Stock publishers. ISBN 10: 1556358873. Sept 1, 2008 edition.
3. *Church History volume 1: From Christ to the Pre-Reformation, The Rise and Growth of the Church in its Cultural, Intellectual and Political Context*. Everett Ferguson, Zondervan, 2005. ISBN 10- 0310205808
4. *Church History vol 2- From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day: The Rise and Growth of the Church in its Cultural, Intellectual and Political Context*. John Woodbridge, Frank A. James III. Zondervan, 2013. ISBN978-0-310-25743-1 (v2).
5. *Historic Fallacies: Toward a Logic of Historical Thought*. David Hackett Fischer. Harper and Row. Either 1970 or 1971 edition. ISBN-13 978-0061315459.

**Please Note:** Textbooks can be purchased through Amazon.com or elsewhere. It is your responsibility to order all of the required textbooks.

Session	Date	Assignment Due
1	11 Apr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read Harris: Inspiration and Canonicity... first four chapters</li> <li>2. Read Book of Acts</li> <li>3. There will be a quiz on this material on the first day of class.</li> <li>4. Start thinking about your paper topic now.</li> <li>5. Read Historical Fallacies- first 100 pages only</li> <li>6. NOTE: The assignment above is due on or before Session 1</li> </ol> <p>Applies to: CC (Campus Class) and OC (Online Class)</p>
2	18 Apr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harris: Chapters 5-6</li> <li>2. Ferguson: chap 1-4</li> <li>3. Quiz</li> </ol> <p>Applies to: CC and OC</p>
3	25 Apr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harris: Ch- 7, 10-11</li> <li>2. Ferguson: ch- 5-7, 9</li> <li>3. Quiz</li> </ol> <p>Applies to: CC and OC</p>
4	1 Feb	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harris: Ch-12-15</li> <li>2. Ferguson: 10-11</li> </ol> <p>Applies to: CC and OC</p>

Session	Date	Assignment Due
5	8 Feb	1. Ferguson: 12-17 2. Mid-term TEST  Applies to: Reading applies to both CC and OC, but CC takes exam today. OC takes test online Feb 15
6	15 Feb	1. Ferguson 18-21 2. Quiz  Applies to: Reading both CC and OC. Exam only for OC today
7	22 Feb	1. Ferguson 22-24 2. Quiz  Applies to: CC and OC
8	1 Mar	1. Woodbridge 1-2 2. Quiz  Applies to: CC and OC
	8 Mar	1. Woodbridge 3-4 2. Quiz  Applies to: CC and OC.
10	15 Mar	1. Woodbridge 5-6 2. TEST  Applies to: Reading both, but exam only is for CC.

Session	Date	Assignment Due
11	22 Mar	1. Woodbridge 7-8 2. Quiz 3. Paper Due at beginning of class for CC. It must be a hard copy and handed in at the beginning of the class. Any late papers will be marked down one grade per day as per school policy. No exceptions.  Applies to: Reading both. CC only has a paper due today.
12	29 Mar	1. Woodbridge 9-11, 13 2. Quiz  Applies to: CC and OC reading. OC's paper is due today. It must be submitted via blackboard or in my seminary mailbox by 12 midnight tonight. Any late papers will be marked down one grade per day per school policy. No exceptions.
13	5 Apr	1. Woodbridge 14-16 2. Quiz  Applies to: CC and OC. Reading Report due today (CC and OC)!
14	19 Apr	1. Woodbridge 19-21 2. Final Test  Applies to: CC and OC. **Notice that OC will be taking the exam same day as CC this time.**

***COURSE REQUIREMENTS***

1. Read all of the assigned readings from the textbooks. These will be random. Many of the reading assignments will have a 10 pt quiz the following Weds. (50-100 pts.)
2. Take three exams as indicated in the class schedule. (300pts.)
3. A scholarly 15 page paper on some historical/theological aspect of Church History or the Inspiration of the Scriptures. The topic must be approved by the Professor before you do your paper. A list of approved topics will be given out in both CC and OC on the first day of class. You must give me a written proposal or an email stating your topic by the

end of the third week of class. If it is inappropriate, I will contact you. For the CC, a hard copy is to be handed in at the beginning of class on the day it is due. Any late paper will be penalized 1 full grade for every day it is late up to 50%. The paper is to be done in the latest Turabian format. (100 pts).

4. A course reading report will be collected at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> week. It is counted as 50 points. Record your reading as you read and put down the following information in a reading log: date read, what you read and a short one or two sentence statement on what you read. For instance: 22 FEB- Chap 2 of Historical Fallacies- This covered philosophical arguments for the discourse on Historical mistakes writers make. (50 pts.)
5. A course outline will be posted on Blackboard. The student can either load it electronically for notes or print it out in a hard copy form. It is an outline only and not complete. It is simply a tool for the students use.

**KEY TO READING THE ASSIGNMENTS:**

This syllabus is for both the campus class (CC) and Online Class (OC). Each week lists the assignments which are due for that week for each respective class. The reading is due for each class every week. There will be a difference in schedules for when the exams are proctored as well as the due date for the papers. Please take note!

**For Online Class (OC) only:**

All lectures from the campus lectures classes will be put online in Blackboard (hereafter “Bb”) in the “Sessions” section located on the left side of the Bb web page by the following Thursday or Friday. All pertinent material in the audio lectures will then be fair game for any quizzes the next week.

The Syllabus and other information will be found in the Announcements and/or Syllabus and course information section also located to the left of the Bb web page.

Exams and quizzes will be located in the announcements section and you will need to download it and take it. Once you are finished, you will need to download the completed assignment into the “Grade Center” or “Grades” section. Since I don’t fully trust Bb, I would suggest also sending a copy to my personal seminary email address with your name on every page that I will have to print a hard copy on.

The same is true for downloading your finished paper. Again, because of the volume of papers I get and for the number of hard copies I need to print, every assignment **MUST** have your name on it. This is for your protection and if I do not have a name on an assignment, I may not count it if I cannot determine who sent it in.

**For Campus Class Students-Please Note:** Your Name and Box Number must appear on all assignments !

TO THE GLORY OF GOD ! Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth- 2 Tim 2:15.

*STUDENT EVALUATION*

Reading Reports, Quizzes.....	100-150
Paper .....	100
Exam 1,2 Midterm.....	200
Exam Final .....	100
Total point	500-550

*GRADE SCALE*

The final course grades are not given out until three weeks after the course is finished. A student will not be given their final grade unless the course has been paid for in full.

Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent
A	= 95–100%	C	= 77–79%
A-	= 92–94%	C-	= 74–76%
B+	= 89–91%	D+	= 72–73%
B	= 86–88%	D	= 70–71%
B-	= 83–85%	D-	= 68–69%
C+	= 80–82%	F	= Below 68%

*ATTENDANCE POLICY*

For the Courses (42 lecture hours/ 14 weeks), more than 10 minutes missing from class is considered a Tardy, and more than 20 minutes missing from class is counted as an Absence. Two tardies = one absence. Two absences results in being dropped from the course. You are permitted two absences for a 14-week course but will be required to complete a special assignment to make-up for the hours of classroom instruction missed. Students may not make-up an absence in this way for the first class session inasmuch as an absence from the first class will result in the student being administratively dropped from the course.

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR CLASS!

*LATE COURSE WORK POLICY*

Late work will be accepted with the penalty of 10% off the total points that could be earned on the assignment each day it is late, up to a maximum of 50%.

### *ACADEMIC INTEGRITY*

Southern California Seminary expects its students to be “above reproach” in their personal and academic lives (1 Timothy 3:2-7). If evidence of academic dishonesty is discovered, the Dean of the program with the Director of Student Affairs will investigate the matter and apply discipline.

Plagiarism is treating another person's work as one's own. It includes taking another's words, sentences, ideas or outlines without giving proper credit to the source, including that of copying from other students. One who aids another student in plagiarism is likewise guilty of the same deception and will receive an academic penalty. The minimum penalty is failure of the paper; test, etc. where the deception occurred. The maximum penalty is dismissal from school.

Cheating is never tolerated at SCS, and any student caught cheating will be disciplined accordingly. The discipline may result in suspension or expulsion from the program.

### *LIBRARY*

The SDCC/SCS Library website is your gateway to library resources and information. For a complete description of the library's holdings, services, staff and access to its online collections, go to: <http://sdcc.edu/library>.

The Library Catalog accesses the library's holdings by author, title, subject, keyword, and phrase. You can remotely search the catalog through the Library Catalog link under the Find Books menu on the library home page. Library materials are loaned for a 3-week period. You can renew items 1 time through your account (My Library Info) in the Library Catalog or by contacting the library.

The library subscribes to over 80 Research Databases (under the Find Articles menu on the library home page). These selected databases are available from any Internet accessible computer and include indexing and full-text to magazines, journals, newspapers, e-reference, music, streaming video, etc. 93,260 e-books are also available. Help using the databases is available under Search Guides | Database Guides. You will need your SCS network account username and password to access these databases. The library also uses LibGuides to create discipline, course and assignment specific guides for doing library research: <http://sdcc.libguides.com/index.php>.

Interlibrary loan (ILL) is a means of borrowing books or obtaining photocopies of periodical articles from other libraries when the College Library does not own the title. This service is available for students, faculty and staff of SCS and SDCC. Forms are located on the library web site under Services | Interlibrary Loan.

We welcome and encourage any questions you may have about using the library. If you need assistance searching the online Library Catalog or the Library's Research Databases, locating

materials, or with any other research or reference need, visit the Library, email the library ([library@sdcc.edu](mailto:library@sdcc.edu)), or call us at (619) 201-8747. The Seminary Librarian, Jennifer Ewing, MLIS, may be contacted at (619) 201-8682, or by email: [jewing@socalsem.edu](mailto:jewing@socalsem.edu).

The library provides service more than 70 hours a week during the fall and spring trimesters and roughly 40 hours a week during the summer. Hours are posted at the library entrance, website & under the Library tab on Blackboard. During the fall and spring semesters, the library is open: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday CLOSED. Holiday, summer & finals week hours will be posted.