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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

HT5500 Church History, 3 credit hours

Course Description

This course is a panoramic survey of the past two millennia of Church history. It includes an emphasis on original sources, expansion of the Church, key people, theological debate, and development, as well as major movements and influences that have shaped the current Church. This course allows you to conduct research on a subject that has particular relevance to your interest and/or future ministry goals. It also includes a brief history of the English Bible.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Articulate basic knowledge of the lives and works of leading men and women in the history of the Christian Church
2. Express the stages and struggles of the Church that led to the shaping and formation of theological concepts, creeds, systems, and major denominations in her attempts to better understand Scripture, know God, oppose heresy, and nurture spiritual maturity
3. Identify and describe the major movements or turning points in the history of the church
4. Research, analyze, evaluate, and formulate (write a paper) on a topic within the purview of Church history that is of present interest or future ministry needs of the student
5. Carefully explicate the history of the formation of the English Bible

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Saturday, 12:00am CDT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Tuesday, 12:00am CDT).

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Assignment List

Book Review: The student will select a book from the list of monographs provided on Blackboard and write a review not exceeding 500 words. See the document entitled "Contents of Book Reviews," available on Blackboard, for further instruction regarding form, structure, and content. Students who wish to review a book other than those listed may only do so following written confirmation from the instructor.

***Primary Source Review:** Listed in bold font on the schedule, all students will read a primary source document (listed in bold font on the schedule) each week. For this assignment, the student will take one of the assigned Primary Text readings and provide a detailed analysis of its author, the content of the work, and the reception of the text throughout the history of the church. Citations to secondary sources should follow the Turabian format. The Primary Source Review should be no more than 2,000 words.

Weekly Quizzes: The Weekly Quiz will contain objective multiple choice and short answer questions pertaining to the content of both reading assignments and mini-lectures. The quizzes are open-note, and timed for completion within 20 minutes. The quiz must be completed by Monday, 11:59 PM CST.

* **Primary Source Review** will be required for inclusion in the MTS student's portfolio.

Assessments

| Assessments (# in parentheses) | % of Total |
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| Discussions (7) | 25% |
| Book Review | 25% |
| Primary Source Review/Collaborative Wiki | 25% |
| Weekly Quizzes (7) | 25% |
| Total: | 100% |

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

| Letter Grade | Percentage Equivalent | Description |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| A | 96 – 100 | Exceptional work |
| A- | 94 – 95 | Excellent work |
| B+ | 92 – 93 | Very good work |
| B | 89 – 91 | Good work |
| B- | 87 – 88 | Above average work |
| C+ | 83 – 86 | Average work |
| C | 79 – 82 | Work needs improvement |
| C- | 75 – 78 | Minimally acceptable work |
| F | < 75 | Unacceptable work |

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