ITSA 517 Medieval Church History
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
An overview of the history of Christianity from the Merovingian period to the dawn of the Reformation. Attention will be paid to the development of the life of the Church in its cultural context and to the development of its theological thought.

TEXTS
Joseph H. Lynch, The Medieval Church, A Brief History, Longman.
Ray C. Petry, Late Medieval Mysticism, The Westminster Press.
Eugene R. Fairweather, ed., A Scholastic Miscellany, The McMillan Company.
Monica Furlong, Visions and Longings, Medieval Women Mystics, Shambhala.
Thomas Aquinas on the nature of theology: http://www.newadvent.org/summa/1001.htm
Summa Theologica, Part 1, Question 1.
Thomas Aquinas on the Existence of God: http://www.newadvent.org/summa/1002.htm
Summa Theologica, Part 1, Question 2.
Thomas Aquinas on Grace: http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2109.htm
http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2110.htm
http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2111.htm
http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2112.htm
http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2113.htm.
http://www.newadvent.org/summa/2114.htm
Summa Theologica, Part 1 of the Second Part (Prima Secondae), Questions 109-114.
Bonaventure, The Mind's Road to God: http://www.ewtn.com/library/SOURCES/ROAD.TXT

COURSE OUTLINE
You should read Lynch and Cantor in their entirety by the end of the quarter. Cantor gives a good overview of the Medieval period and Lynch does the same from for the Church in the medieval period.

Session 1: The formation of the first Europe.
We will concentrate on:
Gregory the Great
Boniface and the invasion of the Irish Monks
Charlemagne
Helpful Readings: Lynch, chapters 1-4 and Cantor chapters 5-7

Session 2: The intellectual heritage of early Europe
We will concentrate on:
The Medieval Intellectual Inheritance
Carolingian Church and Theology.
Helpful Readings: Lynch 65-96 and Cantor 66-88.

Session 3: The Collapse of the Carolingian Empire and the Emergence of New Centers of Power
We will concentrate on
The collapse of the Carolingian empire;
The emergence of the Ottonians and the Normans;
Relations with Byzantine Christianity;
The development of the papacy
You can read about this material in Lynch, pp. 97-135 and Cantor pages 155-160, 173-183, 225-233and 205-218.

Session 4: Early Reform Movements and the Revolution of the 11th Century
We will concentrate on:
The Clunaic reform
the investiture controversy.
Early Scholasticism
Helpful readings: Lynch, pp. 108-113, 136-150 and Cantor 243-279 and 305-318.

Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
Anselm (Fairweather, 66-99) _____
Hildegard (Furlong 86-101) _____

Session 5: The Twelfth Century
In this session we will concentrate on:
The Crusades
The emergence of the Mendicant orders;
The emergence of Aristotle;
Romanesque and Gothic.
Helpful Readings: Lynch, pp. 151-302 over the next 3 weeks and Cantor 428-433, 357-372, and 289-303.

Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
Hugh of St. Victor (Fairweather, 300-318) _____
Richard of St. Victor (Fairweather, 319-331) _____
The Beguines and Claire (Furlong 104-147) _____

Session 6: Theological developments in Scholasticism:
We will concentrate on:
Anselm, Abelard, Bernard of Clairvaux, and Peter Lombard.

Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
Abelard (Fairweather, 276-299) _____
Bernard (Petry, 54-78) _____
Heloise (Furlong 53-67) _____

Session 7: Thomas Aquinas.
Presentation and discussion of primary texts
Read: Aquinas, On the Nature of Theology _____
On the Existence of God _____

Session 8: Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventure
Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
Aquinas, On Grace (Questions 109-111) _____
On Grace (Questions 112-114) _____
Bonaventure: The Mind's Road to God. _____

Session 9: The Late Medieval Breakdown
In this session we will concentrate on:
Avignon,
The Great Western Schism,
Conciliarism,
Nominalism.
Helpful Readings: Lynch, pp. 303-345 over the next 2 weeks and Cantor pp and Cantor pp.84-393, 475-540.

Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
Scotus (Fairweather, 428-436) _____

Ockham (Fairweather 437-442) _____
Eckhart (Petry, 177-207) _____
Catherine (Petry 270-284) _____

Session 10: The Renaissance and the Dawn of the Reformation
In this session we will concentrate on
Late medieval mysticism;
Renaissance
Pre-Reformation developments.
Helpful Readings: Cantor 540-566.
Presentation and discussion of primary texts:
German Theology (Petry, 327-350) _____
Julian, (Furlong, 189-246) _____

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

1. Completion of all reading assignments.
2. Class participation.
3. Class presentation on one of the primary readings. This should not be a summary of the reading. Assume everyone in class has read the material. Deal with the following in your presentation:
   What are two or three key points that make this reading important?
   What is moving forward in this reading, what is developing?
   How is this reading a window on the larger situation of its period?
   What issues does this reading raise for discussion?

   A two page written summary of the presentation due the class after the presentation is made.
4. Pick one person from the medieval period of Church history on whom you would like to do a bit of research. On the basis of that research write a 1500 page essay discussing that persons relationship to his or her age and how he or she was moving history forward with their contribution. Due at the 6th or 10th class session.
5. Pick one event from the medieval history of the Church on which you would like to do a bit of research. One the basis of that research write a 1500 page essay discussing the significance of that event and how it moved Church history forward. Due at the 6th or 10th class session.

6. Form for the papers:
   - Papers are to be double spaced, paginated, and handed in without a cover.
   - Simply staple the paper in the upper left hand corner.
   - Use footnotes (not endnotes) and a bibliography
   - Follow the general guidelines for written material for the School of Theology and Ministry;
   - Always keep a copy of your paper.

GRADING:

Oral presentation: 15%
Paper on the presentation: 20%
First paper: 30%
Second Paper: 30%
Class participation: 5%

A SHORT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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