Modern Christianity (REL 1205/2205)

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Objectives:
- To encourage an understanding of the broad geographical and social scope of the history of the Christian church, its major turning points, personalities, and teachings.
- To display the importance of historical context (especially social, political, and religious thought and actions) on the formation of church teachings and practices.
- To develop an appreciation for people in the history of Christianity.
- To clarify the centrality of religion in world history.
- To have a solid grounding in the history of Christianity, with special emphases on the Catholic tradition.

Requirements:
- Two tests
- 6 online quizzes. (2.5 % each. Lowest grade dropped).
- Attendance and in-class participation
- Upper Division students will give An oral presentation debate concerning the Scopes Trial and Intelligent Design and will write a 2 to 3 page paper on the subject.
- One four to six part project on a particular religious faith tradition. Details will be given on the portal. This will include:
  1) Four page history and doctrine of denomination and handout filled out and bibliography.
  2) A multi-media assignment. See portal
  3) 2 visits to service at a church of your religious denomination. Following this – 3 page paper following site visit instructions found on portal.
  4) Upper Division – Interviews with two members of the denomination – one must be a professional (priest, minister, deacon etc) and another may be a lay person. Further instructions on portal.
  5) A 15 minute group oral presentation. See syllabus for date of your presentation. Prior to this presentation you must meet with professor during office hours.
  6) Upper Division – A final, thesis driven, 8 to 10 page research paper based on the accumulated evidence.

Required Texts:
- Justo Gonzales – *The Story of Christianity: Volume II*
- http://hirr.hartsem.edu/megachurch/database.html (MegaChurch Website)
- Readings found on portal
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| Jan. 21 | *The Continental Reformation*  
Gonzales 1, 2, 5, 7 |
| Week Three: | |
| Jan. 26 | *Luther’s Theology*  
Gonzales 3, 4, Portal reading |
| Jan. 28 | *The Radical Reformation*  
Gonzales 6  
**Quiz 1** |
| Week 4: | |
| Feb. 2 | *The English Reformation*  
Gonzales 8 |
| Feb. 4 | *The Catholic Reformation*  
Gonzales 12 and 13 |
| Week 5: | |
| Feb. 9 | *Catholic Missions*  
Las Casas handout |
| Feb. 11 | |
| Week 6: | |
| Feb. 16 | *Catholics and Quakers*  
Gonzales 18, 22, 23  
**Quiz 2 Online due by class** |
| Feb. 18 | *Rationalism and the Enlightenment*  
Gonzales 14, 15, 21 |
| Week 7: | |
| Feb. 23 | *Moravians and Methodists*  
Part 1 Project Work Due |
| Feb. 25 | *The Thirteen Colonies*  
Gonzales 24  
**Quiz 3** |
| Week 8: | |
| March 2 | **Student Presentation: Unitarian Universalists**  
**Student Presentation: Mennonites** |
| March 4 | **TEST**  
Part 2 Project Work Due |
| Week 9: | **SPRING BREAK** |
| Week 10: | |
| March 16 | *Europe and Revolutions*  
Gonzales 26, 28, 29 |
March 18 – No Class – Community Collaboration Day

**Week 11:**
March 23  
*Colonial Expansion*  
Gonzales 30  
*Quiz 4 Online*  
*Part 3 Project Work Due*

March 25  
*United States*  
Gonzales 25  
*Student Presentation: African Methodist Episcopal Church*

**Week 12:**
March 30  
*New Religious Movements I*  
*Student Presentation: Church of Latter Day Saints*  
*Parts 4 and 5 Project Work Due*

April 1  
*Post-World War I*  
Gonzales 31, 34 – 35  
*Quiz 5*

**Week 13:**
April 6  
*The Scopes Trial*  
Readings on Portal  
(Intelligent Design video and Scopes Trial)  
*Upper Division Debate*

April 8  
*Vatican II*  
Gonzales 33, 36

**Week 14:**
April 13  
*New Religious Movements II*  
NRM Website

April 15  
*The Catholic Church*  
Pew Forum Website  
*Quiz 6 online*

**Week 15:**
April 20  
*Africa*  
handout

April 22  
*The Pentecostal Movement*  
*Student Presentation: Pentecostal Church*

**Week 16:**
April 27  
*Megachurches*  
Megachurches Website

April 29

**Week 17:**  
*TEST*  
*Part 6 of Project Due.*