

**302.715 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY: REFORMATION TO PRESENT DAY**  
**Course Assessment and Delivery Outline**

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NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

**a. CONTENT OVERVIEW**

1. The Catholic Reformation
2. The English Reformation
3. The Puritans
4. Pietism & the Moravians
5. Challenges to Faith
6. Forms of Renewal 1
7. Forms of Renewal 2
8. The 19th Century American Experience
9. The Church and Politics
10. The Ecumenical Movement
11. Roman Catholicism in 19th & 20th Centuries
12. Beginnings in New Zealand

**b. ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES**

**1. Character Sketch**

*Learning Outcomes:* 1, 2, 3  
*Due Dates* Sunday end of week 5, 11.55 pm  
*Percentage Weighting:* 15%  
*Word Count:* 1500 words

Write a 1500 word appraisal of one of the following figures, setting him/her in historical context and giving primary focus to his/her significance for the history of Christianity:

**William Tyndale, John Knox, Oliver Cromwell, Thomas Cranmer, Richard Hooker, George Whitfield, Richard Baxter, John Howe, Jonathan Edwards, William Carey, Hannah More, William Wilberforce, Samuel Marsden, Henry Williams, Hudson Taylor, Catherine Booth, John Williams, Joseph Kemp, Robert Laidlaw, Billy Graham, John Stott, Mother Teresa, Elizabeth Fry, Charles Spurgeon, Charles Finney, William Seymour, Karl Barth, Jürgen Moltmann, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis, Martin Luther King. Jr.**

Figures will be chosen on a first in first served basis – no duplication in class. In the lesson following the due date, students will give a 10min presentation.

## **Instructions**

No double-dipping with other courses, or with your essay! It is recommended you choose your character sketch and essay topics from different historical periods within the course.

*This is not intended to be a potted biography.* Briefly deal with such matters in the first in the first paragraph (or even in the first footnote). But biographical details are generally irrelevant. Put your energy and words into identifying and discussing the contributions and significance of the person you have chosen.

Use a minimum of five *published* sources, including at least three books on the bibliography. Sources should include relevant sections of several general books (such as Noll, Gonzales, Woodbridge), dictionary articles (especially from Douglas), and maybe one or two biographies (if they exist on your chosen individual). If you can, find something published from your chosen individual. As a source for this exercise, "Wikipedia" **alone** does not count. Nor do student notes.

You must use footnotes (mainly to acknowledge quotes or material from published sources) and you must provide a bibliography. You must do so in the correct form (they are different for each), and must do so carefully (slapdash entries suggest to the marker that the whole assignment is rushed and careless). The correct forms are given in the Academic Handbook, available on the website.

## **2. Essay**

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	2, 3, 4, 5
<i>Due Dates</i>	Sunday end of week 10, 11.55 pm
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	40%
<i>Word Count:</i>	3000 words

The essays allow you to cover a topic not covered in lessons and to develop research skills. Your essays must conform to the guidelines for written assignments as detailed in the CDL Study Guide.

Write your essay on **one** of the topics below:

### **Either**

Critically assess the origins and effects of the English Reformation.

### **OR**

William Carey is sometimes called the father of modern (Protestant) missions. Is this true? Critically evaluate his life, methods, and significance.

### **OR**

What challenges did the development of modern science bring to the Western Church? Choose one area of controversy and locating it within its historical context, critically assess the various Christian responses and attempts to hold science and theology together.

### **OR**

What challenges did the Orthodox Church in Russia face in the 20th century?

### **OR**

Critically assess the importance of Hudson Taylor for the history of the church?

### **OR**

The last two centuries have seen an enormous growth of the church in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and parts of Asia. Describe and critically evaluate the history of the church in a non-Western country of your choice.

**OR**

Critically evaluate how Vatican II altered the course of Catholicism?

**OR**

Critically discuss the nature of Evangelicalism, as evidenced in the last two centuries in Britain and the USA.

**3. Exam -**

Four essay-type questions to be answered in 2.5 hours.

The examination date will be posted on the CDL and BTC websites.

*Learning Outcomes:* 1, 2, 3

*Percentage Weighting:* 45%

**c. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT**

**1. Character Sketch.**

- Critical judgment used in all assessment criteria
- Interaction with required reading and depth of understanding
- Discuss the character within his/her wider historical context
- Key Contributions identified and assessed
  - Evaluate relevance of person for today
- Communication & Presentation: clarity, format, spelling, grammar
- Referencing & bibliography

**2. Essay.**

- Question understood, and answered directly, with all parts attempted
- Integration of ideas and development of argument
- Depth of critical analysis
- Critical evaluation of relevance for today
- Demonstrated advanced level of reading and research (Primary and Secondary sources)
- Writing skills – clarity, format, grammar, spelling, Technical apparatus – footnotes, bibliography

**3. Exam.**

- Answer directed to the question
- Coverage of main points
- Logical flow of argument and depth of treatment
- Demonstrated critical judgment
- Critical assessment of relevance for today
- Coherence and presentation

**d. LEARNING HOURS**

Tutorial hours	24 hours
Preparation	16 hours
Reading	25 hours
Character Sketch	15 hours
Research Essay	40 hours
Exam Preparation	30 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>150 hours</b>

**e. TEXTBOOKS:**

Gonzales, J.L. *The Story of Christianity: The Reformation to the Present Day*. Vol 2. New York: HarperOne, 2010 (Revised and Updated).

Walton, Robert C. *Chronological and Background Charts of Church History*. Revised and expanded edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

**f. BIBLIOGRAPHY** (Catalogue numbers refer to Laidlaw College Library and to Bishopdale College library if the book is held there).

**(1) KEY TEXTS** (on selected topics)

Gonzalez, J.L. *A History of Christian Thought*. 3 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1987.

Hill, Christopher. *The History of Christianity/The New Lion Handbook*. Oxford: Lion Hudson, 2007.

Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points. Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

Woodbridge, John D. *Great Leaders of the Christian Church*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1988.

**(2) RECOMMENDED READING**

**(a) General** (select topics)

Balling, Jakob. *The story of Christianity: From Birth to Global Presence*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Barracough, G. (ed.). *The Christian World: A Social and Cultural History*. London: Thames and Hudson, 1981.

Chidester, David. *Christianity: A Global History*. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2000.

Comby, Jean. *How to Read Church History*. Vol. 2. London: SCM, 1989

Edwards, David L. *Christianity: The First Two Thousand Years*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 1997.

Johnson, Marshall. *The Evolution of Christianity: Twelve Crises that Shaped the Church*. New York: Continuum, 2005.

McGrath, Alister E. *A Cloud of Witnesses*. Leicester: Inter-Varsity, 1990.

McManners, John (ed.). *The Oxford Illustrated History of Christianity*. Oxford New York: OUP, 1990.

Moynahan, Brian. *The Faith: A History of Christianity*. London: Pimlico, 2003

Norman, Edward. *The Roman Catholic Church: An Illustrated History*. Berkeley: University Of California, 2007.

Norris, Frederick W. *Christianity: A Short Global History*. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2002.

Peterson, Susan. *Timeline Charts of the Western Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.

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## **(b) Reformation**

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Bouwsma, W.J. *John Calvin*. New York: Oxford University, 1989.

Cameron, Euan. *The European Reformation*. Oxford and New York: Clarendon/OUP, 1991.

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Heinze, Rudolph W. *Reform and Conflict* (Baker History of the Christian Church: 4). Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.

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MacCulloch, Diarmaid. *Reformation: Europe's House Divided, 1490-1700*. London: Penguin, 2004.

McGrath, Alister E. *Reformation Thought: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1988.

Matheson, Peter (ed). *Reformation Christianity* (People's History of Christianity; 4). Minneapolis: Fortress, 2006.

Mullett, Michael. *The Catholic Reformation*. New York: Routledge, 1999.

Pearse, Meic. *The Great Restoration: The Religious Radicals of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*. Carlisle: Paternoster, 1998.

Pettegree, Andrew (ed). *The Reformation World*. New York: Routledge, 2000.

### (c) Modern

Bednarowski, Mary Farrell (ed). *Twentieth Century Global Christianity*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008. (A People's History of Christianity: 7).

Brown, S & Tackett, T (eds). *Enlightenment, Reawakening and Revolution 1660-1850* (Cambridge History of Christianity; 7). Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2006.

Chadwick, O. *The Christian Church in the Cold War*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1992.

Crawley, Winston. *World Christianity 1970-2000*. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2001.

Davidson, A.K. *Christianity in Aotearoa*. Wellington: Education for Ministry, 1997.

Gilley, S & Stanley, B (eds). *World Christianities c.1815-c.1914* (Cambridge History of Christianity; 8). Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2006.

Grass, Tim. *Modern Church History*. London: SCM, 2008.

Hannah, John D. *Charts of Modern and Postmodern Church History*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

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Keeley, Robin, ed. *Christianity: A World Faith*. Tring: Lion, 1985. Also titled: *Christianity in Today's World*. Eerdmans, 1985.

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Covell, Ralph R. *Confucius, the Buddha, and Christ: A History of the Gospel in Chinese*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1986.

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