

**The Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies
St Paul's College, University of Manitoba**

HIST 2180 W: The History of Catholicism to 1540

Fall, 2014

Time & Place: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 – 11:20 am, 258 St. Paul's College

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Course Description:

This course examines the history of Catholicism from its origins in the time of Jesus to the challenges facing the Church in the middle of the sixteenth century. The course will consider Catholicism's rich and fascinating history and examine the Church at the institutional, local, and personal levels. We will examine the ways in which Catholicism was formed as well as the ways in which Catholicism formed the societies in which it operated. In examining the Catholic Church in historical perspective, we will attempt to understand how the present-day Church was made, and examine what Catholicism's past can tell us about its present and its future.

Course format:

We meet three times a week through the thirteen weeks of the semester. Readings from Thomas Bokenkotter's *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* provide the background for exploration and discussion of major issues. Friday classes will be seminars, in which students will examine and discuss primary and secondary source material. Students should come to these seminar classes prepared to engage in class debates and discussions, and to discuss these sources in detail.

Texts (available at the University Bookstore):

Thomas Bokenkotter, *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* (revised edition, 2005)

Evaluation:

Response Essay (4 pages, 1000 words) – due September 26, 10%

Medieval Saints Essay (5 pages, 1250 words) – due October 29, 20%

Research Essay (8 pages, 2000 words) - due Wednesday November 19, 30%

Seminar participation – ongoing - 10%

Final exam - TBA 30% (scheduled during the December exam period)

Course Schedule

Week I – Intro and Discussion – What is the Catholic Church? Why should we care about it?

Week II – Jesus and the Early Church

Week III - Early Church Councils and the Making of Christendom

Week IV – The Church Fathers and the Early Papacy

Week V – The Development of Monasticism

Week VI – The Crusades

Week VII – The Mendicants

Week VIII– Medieval Catholicism – The Great Stuff: Mysticism, Humanism, and Local Saints

Week IX – Medieval Catholicism – The Not-So-Great Stuff: The Renaissance Papacy, Conciliarism, and Schism

Week X – The Reformation Challenge – Luther and Germany

Week XI– The Reformation Challenge – Calvin and the Radicals

Week XII – Exam Review and Reflection: What Can the Church’s Past Tell Us About Its Present?

The “W” Requirement

Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must pass the requirement for written English in order to pass the course.

HIST 2180 Policy on Late Assignments

Assignments submitted after the due date will be considered late if not accompanied by the grant of academic consideration. Late assignments will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day, or 25% per week. Students who are unable to attend a Friday seminar but would like to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned documents are encouraged to submit a brief written summary of their views of the primary readings, no later than one week after the missed class. This can be done no more than once over the course of the term.

The Grade Distribution for this course is as follows:

A+ 96+	B 70-79	D 50-59
A 86-95	C+ 66-69	F -50
B+ 80-85	C 60-65	

Voluntary Withdrawal

Two evaluations of your written work will take place before the **Voluntary Withdrawal date, November 12, 2014.**

Grade Appeals

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them.

Regulation on Unreturned Term Work

Uncollected term work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

Plagiarism

“Academic Integrity” of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation (online at http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/student_responsibilities.html) reads:

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is a grade of F on the paper and a final grade of F (DISC) (for Disciplinary Action) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five (5) years from registration in courses taught in a particular department/program in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty.

The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism or to other experts for authentication.

The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (DISC) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department or program in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty.