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World Christianity in Modern and Contemporary World

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INTRODUCTION

World Christianity in Modern and Contemporary World is a survey history of world Christianity since the European expansion in the 15th and 16th century and the interrelation between religion, economic and politics in western societies. This course includes the early missionary expansion, but its emphasis is on the transition of Christianity from a western to a world religion in the 19th and 20th century. The course analyzes contemporary history of Christianity in the Southern continents and its interplay with the globalization process from an eco-feminist perspective.

Justification

Christianity History has generally been defined by a Western perspective and as a Western History. One factor to understand the globalization process is world religions. Global teaching and learning need to be aware that Christianity has a broader and global history that we should know to understand the 21st century transformations and the role of religions and its interplay with economic, social, cultural and political realm. The shift of the numerical bulk of Christians from Europe and North America to Asia, Africa, Latin America and other areas outside the Northern Hemisphere has had more than demographic significance because it is shaping a new Christianity that is impacting the Northern societies and transforming the basic cultural background of this societies.

Goals and Student Outcomes

After completing the course students should be able to have a new comprehension of contemporary Christianity and be aware how much it has evolved and became more than just a Western Religion. Students also should be knowledgeable about the interplay between religion socio-economical, political as well as cultural reality. They will be able to analyze the role of Christianity in the birth and development of globalization process from an eco-feminist perspective.

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE

- Follow up all on-line classes and required reading for each class session.
- Participate in group discussions on-line bringing your own research experience.
- Log into the course information to check Course Mail every day.
- Take all quizzes and prepare your wikis
- Start your essays early and turn in your Paper on time, in the time allocated. This cannot be emphasized enough.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Quizzes (12) average 50 %

Midterm 25%
Final exam 25%

GRADES

LETTER GRADES	RANGE	LETTER GRADES	RANGE	LETTER GRADES	RANGE
A	above 93	B-	81 - 83	D+	67 - 70
A-	91 - 92	C+	77 - 80	D	64 - 66
B+	87 - 90	C	74 - 76	D-	61 - 63
B	84 - 86	C-	71 - 73	F	< 61

QUIZZES

A time-restricted, online quiz will be given on each week's religious concept. You can take each quiz three times, and the highest of the three attempts will be recorded. Even if you do well on the first attempt, it is advisable to use all three attempts. You will not receive the same quiz every time; the computer randomly chooses the questions from a quiz database. For the quizzes, you will have 10 minutes to complete 11 questions. Each quiz will be open for one week, from Monday to Sunday, and you can take it on any of those days at any time.

In order to mitigate any issues with your computer and online assessments, it is very important that you take the "**Online Learning Practice Quiz**" from each computer you will be using to take your graded exams. It is your responsibility to make sure your computer is compatible with Blackboard (<http://www.webct.com/tuneup>) and that it meets the minimum hardware requirements (http://online.fiu.edu/future_whats_required.html). Please take this practice quiz within the first 2 weeks of class.

WIKIS

Instead of Midterm and Final exam students have to prepare two wikis:

Students have to use good sources giving reference on the materials uploaded.

Midterm Wiki on Luther Reformation and Contemporary Lutheran Church

Final Wiki on Pope Francisco's position on women in society and in the church.

REQUIRED READINGS

BOOKS

IRVIN DALE T. & SUNQUIST SCOTT W. *History of the World Christian Movement*. Vol.other 2 *Modern Christianity* from 1454 – 1800. Maryknoll, NY, Orbis Books, 2012

MULLIN ROBERT BRUCE *A Short World History of Christianity*. London, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.

SCOTT W. SUNQUIST *The unexpected Christian Century*. Grand Rapid, Baker Academic, 2015

PATTE DANIEL(Edited by). *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity- CDC* (2010) Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. This is a useful tool to work with to understand concepts and Christianity specialized issues.

Articles and book chapters, which are required and are not in these books, will be uploaded by the professor.

CALENDAR

DATES	Topics	Readings	Requirements
1ST WEEK <i>January</i> 09-15	Introduction, Course overview and theoretical and methodological orientations		
2nd Week January 16-22	Christianity and the European Expansion in the 15 th and 16 th Century	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> (New York , Orbis Book, 2010) (chap 1, 2 and 3)	Quiz # 1
3rd Week January 23-29	Crisis in Western Christianity. Reformation and the Catholic counter-reformation	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> Chap. 4 and 6	Quiz #2
4th Week January30-Feb.5	Orthodox Churches Caught between Empires	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> Chap 5	Quiz #3
5th Week Feb.05-12	Missions and Colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America in the 17 th century	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> Chap. 7,8, 9,10	Quiz #4

6th Week Feb.13-19	The Bourgeois Revolutions and its religious impacts. 1750-1830	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> , Chap 11,12, 13, 14 and 15	Quiz #5
7th Week Feb 20-26	The Americas' Revolutions and the new Church –State Relationship	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> Chap. 16, 17 ,	Quiz #6
<i>8th Week</i> <i>Feb 27 March 5</i>	New colonialism and protestant expansion in Africa and Asia	Scot Sunquist <i>The History of World Christianity movement</i> (New York, Orbis Book, 2010) chap 18 ,19,20,21	Quiz #7 MID TERM WIKI
9th Week March 6-12	Liberalism and the Vatican Council I – Building a global and centralized church	Roger Aubert <i>Christian Centuries. Volume 5. The Church in a Secularised Society</i> (Parte 1 y 2)	Quiz #8
10th Week March 13-19	SPRING WEEK	SPRINK WEEK	
11th Week March 20-26	Pentecostalism and its expansion in the Americas and Africa	Harvey Cox, <i>Fire From Heaven: The Rise of Pentecostal Spirituality and the Reshaping of Religion in the Twenty-First Century</i> (Cambridge, Mass.: De Capo Press, 1995), (ch. 1,2,3 and 4).	Quiz #9

<p>12th Week March 27 to April 2</p>	<p>The Vatican Council II and its impact in the religious and political world.</p>	<p>Roger Aubert <i>Christian Centuries. Volume 5. The Church in a Secularised Society</i> (Parte 6) Adrian Hastings, ed., <i>Modern Catholicism: Vatican II and After</i> (London, SPCK, 1991), (ch. 5).</p>	<p>Quiz #10</p>
<p>13th Week April 3-9</p>	<p>Ecumenical dialogue, liberation theologies and economic, social and political confrontations in the world.</p>	<p>Adrian Hastings, ed., <i>Modern Catholicism: Vatican II and After</i> (London: SPCK, 1991), (ch. 9 and 12). Cecília Loreto Mariz, <i>Coping with Poverty: Pentecostals and Christian Base Communities in Brazil</i> (Philadelphia: Temple Univ. Press, 1994), (ch. 1).</p>	<p>Quiz #11</p>
<p>April 10-16</p>	<p>The end of the Cold World and the role of the Orthodox Church, Catholic crisis and Pentecostal world expansion.</p>	<p>Daniel G. Groody, "Globalizing Solidarity," <i>Theological Studies</i> 69 (2008): 250-68. Harvey Cox, <i>Fire From Heaven: The Rise of Pentecostal Spirituality and the Reshaping of Religion in the Twenty-First Century</i> (Cambridge, Mass.: De Capo Press, 1995), 213-41 (ch. 11).</p>	<p>Quiz #12</p>

Week 15 April 17-23	The future of Christianity and the interreligious dialogue	Philip Jenkins, <i>The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), 125-87 (chs. 6 & 7).	
Week 16 April 24- 30 –			FINAL WIKI