COURSE OBJECTIVE: By the end of this course students will be able to trace the major themes, issues, and personalities of Church History from its inception at Pentecost in Palestine to its present day global manifestations and be able to integrate this knowledge into their practice of ministry. Particular attention will be paid to the work of the Holy Spirit and leadership in the history of the church. (Cf. Master of Arts in Theological Studies [Christian Leadership] degree goals: 1., 2., 5., 6., 7.)

TEXTBOOKS:


[If preferred, you may substitute either of the following more detailed and more expensive works for Shelley:

*Volume One: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation.*
*Volume Two: The Reformation to the Present Day.*
Spanish-speakers may read the Spanish version: *Historia del Cristianismo* (Editorial Unilit, 1994).

*Volume I: to A.D. 1500.*
*Volume II: Reformation to the Present.*]
For detailed bibliographical information, see “Suggestions for Further Readings” or “Selected Bibliography” at the conclusion of each chapter of Shelley or González or Latourette.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1) **Class attendance and participation** in small and large group discussions.
   • (20% of grade)

2) **Reading both textbooks** (Shaw & Shelley [or González or Latourette]) *in full*, completing all reading & submitting **Reading Report Form** (see last page of the syllabus) at the first class session on **September 21, 2011**, and being ready to discuss in class.
   • (20% of grade)

3) Writing at least a one-page (double-spaced) **reflection answering all of the questions for each of the “For Discussion” sections** at the end of each chapter of Shaw, *10 Great Ideas from Church History* (at least 11 double-spaced pages total).
   • Upload as .doc or .pdf under Assignments on Sakai Portal or e-mail/mail to instructor by **September 8, 2011**.
   • (30% of grade)

4) **Final Exam** (accessed through Sakai Portal & **due October 31, 2011**)
   • (30% of grade)

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (7:00-9:30)**
Introduction--Christianity as an Historical Subject.

Jesus and the Apostles--The Emergence of Christianity in Palestine and its Spread throughout the Roman World.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (9:00-noon; 1:00-5:00; 7:00-9:00)**
The Age of Catholic Christianity (70-312 AD)

The Age of the Christian Roman Empire (312-590)

The Christian Middle-Ages (590-1517)---Part 1

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (9:00-noon; 1:00-5:00; 7:00-9:00)**
The Christian Middle-Ages (590-1517)—Part 2

The Reformation & Counter-Reformation

Puritanism

Christianity in the Age of Reason
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  (8:00 AM-Noon; 1:00-5:30 PM)
Evangelicalism/Liberalism & Fundamentalism/Modernism

Christianity & Totalitarianism

Ecumenism & Vatican II

Pentecostalism & Charismatic Renewal

Modern Missionary Movement & Global Spread of Christianity
READING REPORT FORM—DUE SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

CHURCH HISTORY 500—SURVEY OF CHURCH HISTORY
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary: Church of God of Prophecy—Jamaica Cohort

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TEXTBOOKS:


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(Or note equivalent reading in González or Latourette on back)