# CH 501: Church History to the Reformation  
## Course Schedule

This Course Schedule will be a valuable tool for you to use to stay on track during this course. Assignments are listed for each module with due dates. Red print indicates that a major graded assignment is due. Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are due by 11:55 PM EST.

Please also consult the Weekly Workload Chart to help you with course management.

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| **Lesson 1**  
*Perspectives on History*  
*May 22 - 29*  

**Read:**  
*Lederer's History of the World* (in Resources)  

**View:**  
*Lecture 1: Why Church History?*  
*Lecture 2: Perspectives on Church History*  

**Collect:**  
*Five artifacts demonstrating different perspectives on early church*  

**Post and Respond to two (2) of your peers:**  
*Lesson 1 Perspectives Forum*  

**Write and Submit:**  
*Paper on the perspectives of the historian*  

**Due: Monday, May 29**

| **MODULE B: The Church in the Pagan World (ca. 30 - ca. 350)** |
| **Lesson 2**  
*Church and World History*  
*May 30 - June 4*  

**Read:**  
*Wilken, intro and chapters 1 - 2*  
*Logan, intro and chapter 1*  
*Coakley/Sterk, part 1, readings 5 - 11*  
*Swan, intro, chapters 1 - 3*  

**View:**  
*Lecture 3: Geographic Categories in Christian History*  
*Lecture 4: Christian Expansion*  
*Lecture 5: The Church and the Societies Surrounding it*  

**Post:**  
*Lesson 2 Application Forum*  

**Attend:**  
*A Roman Catholic worship service and take notes*  

**Respond (x2):**  
*Lesson 2 Application Forum*  

**Complete (but do not submit):**  
*Application Journal for Lesson 2*  

**Due at the end of Lesson 14**

| **Lesson 3**  
*Orthodoxy and Heresy 1*  
*June 5 - 11*  

**Read:**  
*Wilken, chapters 4 and 6*  
*Coakley/Sterk, part 1, readings 2 and 12 - 17*  
*Swan, chapters 4 and 5*  

**View:**  
*Lecture 6: Early Heresies and Christian Identity*  
*Lecture 7: Gnosticism and Christian Fault Lines*  

**Due: Monday, June 5**

**by Monday, May 22**

**by Thursday, May 25**

**by Thursday, June 1**

**by Saturday, June 3**

**Sunday, June 4**

**by Monday, June 5**

**Due at the end of Lesson 14**

**by Thursday, June 8**
# Lecture 8: The Canon and the Episcopacy

**Post:**
Lesson 3 Application Forum  
by Saturday, June 10

**Respond (2x):**
Lesson 3 Application Forum  
by Monday, June 12

**Complete (but do not submit):**
Application Journal for Lesson 3  
Due at the end of Lesson 14

## Lesson 4

**Read:**
Wilken, chapters 3, 5, and 7  
Coakley/Sterk, part 1, readings 1 and 3 - 4  
Swan, chapter 6 and epilogue  
by Thursday, June 15

**View:**
Lecture 9: The Novatian Schism and the Nature of the Church  
Lecture 10: Worship in the Early Church

**Post:**
Lesson 4 Application Forum  
by Saturday, June 17

**Respond (2x):**
Lesson 4 Application Forum  
by Monday, June 19

**Complete (but do not submit):**
Application Journal for Lesson 4  
Due at the end of Lesson 14

## Module C: The Christian Kingdoms Before the Rise of Islam (ca. 350 - ca. 650)

### Lesson 5

**Read:**
Wilken, chapters 8, 10 - 18, and 21 - 26  
Coakley/Sterk, part 2, readings 18, 21 - 33, and 43 - 44  
by Thursday, June 22

**View:**
Lecture 11: The Christian Kingdoms  
Lecture 12: The Donatist Schism in North Africa  
Lecture 13: Worship and Piety in the Christian Kingdoms  
Lecture 14: Monasticism and Missions

**Post:**
Lesson 5 Application Forum  
by Saturday, June 24

**Respond (2x):**
Lesson 5 Application Forum  
by Monday, June 26

**Complete (but do not submit):**
Application Journal for Lesson 5  
Due at the end of Lesson 14

### Lesson 6

**Read:**
Wilken, chapters 9, and 19 - 20  
Coakley/Sterk, part 2, readings 19 - 20 and 34 - 42  
by Thursday, June 29

**View:**
Lecture 15: The Trinitarian Consensus Emerges  
Lecture 16: Christology: Consensus Yet Division  
Lecture 17: Latin Discussions on Human Nature and Grace

**Post:**
Lesson 6 Application Forum  
by Saturday, July 1

**Respond (2x):**  
by Monday, July 3
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**Lesson 7**  
Transformation of Latin Church  
July 3 - 9

| Read: |
| Wilken, chapters 27 and 28  
Logan, chapter 2 |
| View: |
| Lecture 18: The Beginning of Medieval Roman Catholicism  
Lecture 19: Medieval Piety and the Means of Grace |
| Post: |
| Lesson 7 Application Forum |
| **Respond (2x):** |
| Lesson 7 Application Forum |
| **Complete (but do not submit):** |
| Application Journal for Lesson 7 |
| *Due at the end of Lesson 14* |

**MODULE D: Islam and the Fracturing of Christianity (ca. 650 - ca. 1050)**

**Lesson 8**  
Islam and the Church  
July 10 - 16

| Read: |
| Wilken, chapters 30 and 32 - 34  
Logan, chapter 3  
Coakley/Sterk, part 3, readings 45 - 47 |
| View: |
| Lecture 20: The Rise of Islam  
Lecture 21: Christian Responses to Islam |
| Post: |
| Lesson 8 Application Forum |
| **Respond (2x):** |
| Lesson 8 Application Forum |
| **Begin Researching:** |
| Non-Western Christian Tradition Paper |
| **Complete (but do not submit):** |
| Application Journal for Lesson 8 |
| *Due at the end of Lesson 14* |

**Lesson 9**  
Orthodoxy and Heresy 3  
July 17 - 23

| Read: |
| Wilken, chapters 29 and 31  
Coakley/Sterk, part 3, readings 55 and 56 |
| View: |
| Lecture 22: Christology after Chalcedon  
Lecture 23: The Iconclastic Controversy |
<p>| Post: |
| Lesson 9 Application Forum |
| <strong>Respond (2x):</strong> |
| Lesson 9 Application Forum |
| <strong>Continue Working:</strong> |
| Non-Western Christian Tradition Paper |
| <strong>Complete (but do not submit):</strong> |
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| Read:     | Wilken, chapters 35, 36 and Afterward  
Logan, chapters 4 - 6  
Coakley/Sterk, part 3, readings 48 - 54 and 57 - 58 |
   | by Thursday, July 27 |
| View:     | Lecture 24: Isolation in Africa and Asia  
Lecture 25: Rivalry and Schism in Europe |
| Post:     | Lesson 10 Application Forum |
| Respond (2x): | Lesson 10 Application Forum |
| Complete (but do not submit): | Application Journal for Lesson 10  
Due at the end of Lesson 14 |

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<th>July 31 - August 6</th>
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| Read:     | Logan, chapters 7 - 13  
Coakley/Sterk, part 4, readings 59 - 63, 65 - 66, and 68 - 71 |
   | by Thursday, August 3 |
| View:     | Lecture 26: The Crusading Spirit  
Lecture 27: Monasticism, Mysticism, and Spirituality  
Lecture 28: The Pinnacle of the Papacy |
| Post:     | Lesson 11 Application Forum |
| Respond (2x): | Lesson 11 Application Forum |
| Continue Working: | Non-Western Christian Tradition Paper  
Due at the end of the next Lesson |
| Complete (but do not submit): | Application Journal for Lesson 11  
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| View:     | Lecture 29: The Revolution in Atonement Doctrine  
Lecture 30: Scholasticism: Revolution in Methodology  
Lecture 31: Philosophy, the Church, and the Sacraments |
| Post:     | Lesson 12 Application Forum |
| Respond (2x): | Lesson 12 Application Forum |
| Submit:   | Non-Western Christian Tradition Paper  
Due: Monday, August 14 |
| Complete (but do not submit): | Application Journal for Lesson 11  
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| Toward the Reformation | **Read:**  
Logan, chapters 14 - 17  
Coakley/Sterk, part 4, readings 72 - 76 |
| August 14 - 20 | **View:**  
Lecture 32: The Fall of the Papacy  
Lecture 33: The Push for Reform: Mystics and "Heretics" |
| **Post:** | Lesson 13 Application Forum |
| **Attend:** | a Roman Catholic worship service (same as from Lesson 2) |
| **Respond (2x):** | Lesson 13 Application Forum |
| **Complete (but do not submit):** | Application Journal for Lesson 13  
*Due at the end of the next Lesson* |

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<th>MODULE F: The Pre-Reformation Church and You</th>
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| Personal Reflections | **Write and Submit:**  
Roman Catholicism Paper  
*Due: Monday, August 28* |
| August 21 - 27 | **Complete and Submit:**  
Complete Application Journal as one document  
Reading Report  
Course Evaluation in CAMS |

| FINAL COURSE WORK DUE: | **Monday, August 28** |