

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
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CH 5060 American Church History
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Course Description:

This course will acquaint the student with the major movements, persons, and leading theological developments in American church history from the colonial period to the present day. Particular attention will be paid to the transition of European churches to America and their involvement with theological, liturgical, social, and political issues; the nature of Puritanism; separation of church and state; awakenings and revivals; social concern; liberalism, fundamentalism, and neo-orthodoxy; and contemporary evangelicalism. Throughout, students will be encouraged to understand their own religious backgrounds and appreciate the distinctive contributions of other Christian traditions; likewise, students will be challenged to integrate insights from the course into their theological system, personal lives, and ministries.

Required Texts:

1. M. Noll, *A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada* ISBN 0802806511
2. George Marsden. *Fundamentalism and American Culture* ISBN 0195300475
3. Jonathan Edwards, *Religious Affections*. ISBN 0486491021

Course Objectives

1. To acquaint the student with the major personalities, the schools of thought, and the political, social, and cultural trends which characterize our period of study.
2. To familiarize the student with the current religious scene.
3. To increase the student's understanding of the factors that have shaped contemporary evangelicalism.

Course Requirements:

Class attendance is considered mandatory. Grading will be based on the following:

1. Midterm Exam - 30%;
2. Non-Cumulative Final Exam - 30%;
Both exams will be an essay format and the students will submit sample short answer and essay questions for the exams. In essence, the students will write their own tests. The final will be a take home due 3 weeks after the end of class.
3. Paper- 30% The student will write a ten-page paper on a topic of their choice related to the course. All topics must be cleared with the professor.
4. Class Participation – 10%

TIU POLICIES:

Students with Disabilities

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Trinity Evangelical Divinity school to provide appropriate and reasonable accommodations, or academic adjustments, and services to students with a documented disability to help ensure an equal educational opportunity. Students seeking these services should contact Jana Holiday, Associate Dean of Students, at the earliest possible time with supporting documentation. If you believe you might have a disability that negatively impacts your educational performance, but have never been diagnosed, you are encouraged to meet with Jana Holiday to discuss your needs. You can contact her at jrholiday@tiu.edu or 847-317-4063.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism

The community at Trinity International University promotes a commitment to integrity in all areas of life. In the case of breaches of academic honesty such as plagiarism or cheating on examinations, the matter will be reported to the Dean/Associate Dean of Students. Students should be advised that normally in cases of academic dishonesty or plagiarism the penalty shall be a "0" for the assignment and an "F" for the course. For the full policy, please see the TEDS/TGS Student Guide.

Lecture Schedule and Reading Assignments:

Weekend 1: Introduction; England's Arrival in the `New' World; Puritanism in Colonial America
The Great Awakening: Conversion, Calvinism, and Controversy.
Readings: Noll chs. 1-4; Edwards, entire.

Weekend 2: A Christian Nation? Christianity in the New Republic; The Second Great Awakening:
Revival, Renewal, and Reaction.
Readings: Noll chs 5-8

Weekend 3: Expansion and Dissension: Protestantism before the Civil War; Protestantism Under Siege:
Catholicism, Darwinism, and Liberalism; Dispensationalism, Pentecostalism, and the Holiness
Movement; Midterm exam.
Readings: Noll chs. 9, 11-15.

Weekend 4: The Battle for Biblical Christianity: Fundamentalism and Modernism; American Christianity
between the Wars; Evangelical Recovery; American Christianity and the New Millennium.
Readings: Noll chs 16-20; Marsden, entire.