



Beijing Jiaotong University

2021 Summer Session

CHRI 101 Introduction to Christianity

Course Outline

Term: June 14- July 09, 2021

Class Hours: 14:00-15:50 (Monday through Friday)

Code:CHIR 101

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Credit: 4

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to the history and fundamental theology of Christianity. Throughout this course, students will be exposed to major traditions of Catholicism, Orthodoxy, Protestantism, Evangelicalism, and Pentecostalism and topics on global Christianity, American Christianity, the Orthodox Church, current theological debates, and Christianity in relation to other world religions. Assessment will be a combination of term paper and examinations.

Required Textbooks: Christianity: An Introduction, 3rd Edition by Alister McGrath, Wiley-Blackwell.

Grading & Evaluation:

Grades will be distributed as

A : 94 - 100 A- : 90 – 93

B : 83 - 89 B- : 80 – 82

C : 73 - 79 C- : 70 – 72

D : 63 - 69 D- : 60 – 62

F : Fail

Assignments and Essays (30%) – Use the theories and knowledge points (at least 5) learned from this class to explain a topic (TBD). The paper has to be no less than 8 pages not including title and reference, and APA formatted. Grades are given based on thoughtful analyses and application of the relevant theories (40%), evidence-based argument and critical thinking (40%), and overall writing and grammar (20%).

Midterm exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 2 to cover all materials previously studied.

Final exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 4 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Session 1: Course Introduction
Session 2: Jesus of Nazareth
Session 3: Origins of Christianity
Session 4: Early histories of Christianity

Week 2

Session 1: The Christian Bible I: Old Testament
Session 2: The Christian Bible II: New Testament
Session 3: Christian Creeds
Session 4: Christian Beliefs
Midterm

Week 3

Session 1: The church
Session 2: Christian Early History
Session 3: Reformations
Session 4: Enlightenment and afterwards

Week 4

Session 1: Denominations I



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Session 2: Denominations II
Session 3: Faith and practices
Session 4: Christianity and culture
Final Exam