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2022 Summer Program

CHRI 101 Introduction to Christianity

Course Outline

Course Code: CHRI 101

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

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:

A+:4.3——95-100

A :4.0——87-94

A-:3.7——82-86

B+:3.3——78-81



B :3.0——75-77

B -:2.7——71-74

C+:2.3——68-70

C :2.0——65-67

C -:1.7——61-64

D :1.0——55-60

E :0.0——49-54

X :0.0——0

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

Session 2: Denominations II

Session 3: Faith and practices

Session 4: Christianity and culture

Final Exam