

# Somerset Christian College

## CH 201 Church History I Fall 2006 Traditional Track Academic Building Rm201 Mon 7:00 – 9:30 Course Syllabus

### **Course Instructor**

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### **Contribution of this Course to the Movement of SCC's Mission and Vision**

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This course contributes to the student's overall experience at Somerset by passing on the story of the church to succeeding generations. The Larger Story of God does not end with the Bible, but continues through the historic journey of the church. The focus of this course will thus be on the *Upward Call*. In addition, this course will contribute to the *Inward Call* by providing encouraging inspiration from great Christians of the past. Finally, this course will form our *Outward Call* as we discuss the influence of Christianity on culture throughout history.

### **Required Texts**

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- Bruce L. Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Nelson, 1995.

### **Course Objectives**

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By the end of this course the student will ...

1. be able to tell the story of the church in its basic form (Text; Lectures; Exams)
2. have an appreciation for the significance of Christian history (Text; Lectures)
3. be acquainted with the resources available for church-historical study (Paper)
4. be able to use history to think creatively about today's problems (Discussions)
5. know, love and enjoy God better by studying the story of his church.

## **Course Description**

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“An introduction to the history of Christianity from the first century to the time of the Reformation.” – SCC Catalogue

## **Course Requirements**

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1. *Weekly Points*: 12 weeks x 25 pts/week = **300 points**

Each weekly session you can earn up to 25 points. These points will be awarded based on quizzes, assignments, reading, and active participation. The primary means for earning these points will be the weekly quiz drawing on the terms, people, place, events and issues addressed in the textbook. The reading assignments are found below under Course Schedule.

2. *Paper Points*: 1 paper x 300 points = **300 points**

Each student is responsible for one research paper. It must be between 5 and 7 pages and is due on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The paper will be written about a Christian figure relevant to the course (AD 100-1500) and make use of reliable research tools. The paper should both narrate events in the figure's life and analyze a topic or topics of interest raised by the figure's thought. The student must hand in a paper topic proposal (no more than one sheet of paper) by November 6<sup>th</sup>. The professor will review the proposal for approval and suggestions then return it to the student the following class session.

3. *Exam Points*: 2 Exams x 200 pts each = **400 points**

There will be two exams worth 200 points each. Each exam will contain cumulative questions from the course up to that point. It will be comprised of questions drawn from weekly quizzes, new questions from textbook and class sessions, and essays addressing issues discussed throughout the term. The student will also be expected to fill out a timeline as part of the examination.

## **Points and Grading Scale**

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300 <i>Weekly Points</i>	1000 – 950 A	769 – 730 C
300 <i>Paper Points</i>	949 – 900 A-	729 – 700 C-
+ 400 <i>Exam Points</i>	899 – 870 B+	699 – 670 D+
1000 total points	869 – 830 B	669 – 630 D
	829 – 800 B-	629 – 600 D-
	799 – 770 C+	599 – 0 F

## Course Schedule

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Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction & the First Century	
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mission & Persecution	Shelley ch 3-4
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Heresy & the Canon	Shelley ch 5-6
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bishops & Thinkers	Shelley ch 7-8
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Empire & Trinity	Shelley ch 9-10
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christology & Monasticism	Shelley ch 11-12
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>MID-TERM EXAM</b>	
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Augustine & the Papacy	Shelley ch 13-14
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern Orthodoxy & Barbarian Mission <b>PROPOSAL DUE</b>	Shelley ch 15-16
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gregory the Great & Charlemagne	Shelley ch 17-18
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Thanksgiving Break / Reading Week – no class</i>	
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Crusades & Scholasticism	Shelley ch 19-20
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Poverty & the Papacy's Decline <b>PAPER DUE</b>	Shelley ch 21-22
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Reformation	Shelley ch 22-23
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	

<b>Points Tally</b>	<b>NAME:</b>
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/25
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/50
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/75
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/100
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/125
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/150
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> – _____/200 <i>MID-TERM EXAM</i>	Total = _____/350
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/375
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/400
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/425
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> – <i>Thanksgiving Break / Reading Week – no class</i>	
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/450
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points _____/300 <i>PAPER</i>	Total = _____/775
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> – _____/25 Weekly Points	Total = _____/800
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> – _____/200 <i>FINAL EXAM</i>	Total = _____/1000

## **Course Attendance Policy**

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Because of the significant amount of participatory learning, attendance is assumed and required in all Drury classes. The syllabus clearly shows that there are points at stake in every class session. Thus absences jeopardize not only the student's learning but also his or her grade. Bottom line: come to class.

Nevertheless, absences are inevitable. The Somerset Christian College attendance policy outlines the penalty for excessive absences (see catalogue and/or below). The following policy supplements the official policy by indicating the protocol for earning "weekly points" in the case of absence.

### **Excused Absences**

An absence is considered excused when the student is too sick to come to class or has experienced a death in the family. Other instances will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

To be eligible for make-up work, the student must notify the professor by email ([JohnLDrury@gmail.com](mailto:JohnLDrury@gmail.com)) or by phone (215-971-5197) by the beginning of the class session to be missed.

In order to receive credit, the student must hand in any missed assignments or take any missed quizzes or tests by the end of the next class session in order to receive credit. It is the student's responsibility to find out any relevant information, collect class notes, and arrange make-up quizzes or tests in consultation with the professor.

### **Unexcused Absences**

An absence is unexcused in any case that is not illness or death in the family.

To be eligible for make-up work, the student must notify the professor by email ([JohnLDrury@gmail.com](mailto:JohnLDrury@gmail.com)), by phone (215-971-5197), or in person by the end of the class session *previous* to the class session to be missed. Otherwise, all weekly points are forfeited.

If the professor is notified accordingly, the student must send in any assignments by the regular due date in order to receive credit. Assignments may be sent in with another student, dropped off at the front SCC front desk, or emailed to the professor. The student is responsible to inform the professor of his or her method of sending in assignments. Quizzes and tests must be taken by the end of the class session following the absence. It is the student's responsibility to find out any relevant information, collect class notes, and arrange make-up quizzes and tests in consultation with the professor.

## **Instructional Resource Center**

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The IRC at Somerset Christian College offers tutorial support services designed to help *all* students achieve their full academic potential and goals. The IRC as a venue of both remediation *and* enhancement to the coursework requirements, offers materials and tutorials in study skills such as time management, organization, and learning or test strategies; in MLA format and style; in writing assistance such as outlining, drafting, researching, and editing; and in computer skills and information access. Conveniently located in the AK White library on campus, the IRC works to provide students with materials and skill sets necessary to carry out information access, evaluation, and application effectively. It also offers assistance in resume building and in reference letter requests. As a supplement to the regular classroom experience, the IRC promotes quality and excellence of *all* student endeavors to the glory of God.

For current hours of operation, you may email the director, Dr. Beverly Busch at [bbusch@somerset.edu](mailto:bbusch@somerset.edu) or call 732-356-1595, ext. 1126; you may also call the library direct at 732-356-1595, ext. 1120; or check the SCC web page (Academics, IRC) as these hours are subject to change throughout the academic year. Blessings to you all as you follow Christ!

## **Attendance Policy**

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In an effort to ensure that students experience the greatest return from their studies at SCC and to maintain a sense of community between and among students and faculty, the following policy about student attendance has been established:

SCC recognizes that extenuating circumstances will necessitate students missing class on occasion. Therefore, students are allowed to miss one block session (unexcused) per three credit-hour course without question and without academic penalty. A block session constitutes one class meeting (2 ½ or 3 ½ hour session) per week.

Unless approval is obtained from the instructor in advance, students missing 2-4 classes will have their letter grade lowered one full letter for every block class missed (e.g. students missing 2 block classes would have his/her grade lowered from A to B; 3 absences would reduce the letter grade from A to C, etc.). Students who accrue more than 4 absences will be assigned a grade of "F" for that course. In all cases, students have the right to appeal. Appeals must be made in writing to the instructor and the Academic Dean.

In all cases, including unexcused absences, students must make up all assignments and tests missed during any absence through arrangement with their instructor(s) in order to receive academic credit.

### **Snow and Other Emergency/Class Cancellation Policy**

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In case of inclement weather or other emergency conditions, students, staff and faculty should consult the Somerset Christian College website, voice mail, and/or STAR 99.1 for up to date information. Call 732-356-1595 or 1-800-234-9305 and press 9, the college information line, for up to date information on class cancellation.

### **Somerset Christian College Official Style Guide**

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SCC requires that all research papers conform to the style guide as outlined by the MLA (Modern Language Association).

Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. NY: MLA, 2003.

*Four important rules to remember in order to avoid plagiarizing something:*

- Your instructor is your best resource if you have any questions regarding whether or not your information is documented accurately.
- Put an in-text citation at the end of any idea or fact which you found in a book or article, whether or not you change the words.
- Exact quotations should either be put in quotation marks or indented and an in-text citation should be used to indicate the source
- When in doubt, go ahead and document the source.

\*Note: Documenting sources helps your reader find more information as well as helping you avoid plagiarism.

Gannon, Jack. *The Week the World Heard Gallaudet*. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet University Press, 1989. (modified BB 1/05).

### **Grading Scale**

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The grading scale is listed below with the respective grade point values. The unit of credit is defined as one 50 minute session per week for one semester of 15 weeks or the equivalent. Academic standing is defined as the ratio of total grade point values to the total semester hour credits. The 4.0 point system is used to compute the grade point standing. The grading system is as follows:

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Grade Point	Grade, Num.	Score/%
A	4.0	A 95-100
A-	3.7	A- 90-94
B+	3.3	B+ 87-89
B	3.0	B 83-86
B-	2.7	B- 80-82
C+	2.3	C+ 77-79
C	2.0	C 73-76
C-	1.7	C- 70-72
D+	1.3	D+ 67-69
D	1.0	D 63-66
D-	0.7	D- 60-62
F	0.0	F 0-59

The following grades are not counted in the calculation of the GPA (grade point average):

- W**      **Withdrawn**
- WP**    **Withdrawn Passing**
- WF**    **Withdrawn Failing**
- NC**    **No Credit**

To remain in good academic standing, a student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Transfer credit hours are not counted in calculating academic standing. To graduate a student must complete at least 60 hours of academic credit for the two-year Associates degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all credits attempted at Somerset Christian College.