

Christian Thought and Practice (proposal)

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This is the outline of subjects for a proposed three-semester course for Theology majors (and some minors), at Fordham University most of whom would take two of the three courses and some all three, depending on their track within the major. What follows are suggested topics. The content and order are not mandatory for participating faculty.

CTP 1	CTP 2	CTP 3
NT	Evangelization Gregory the Great's letter on evangelization	Luther Heidelberg Disputation, Freedom of a Christian; Babylonian Captivity
Early organization (Acts, Didache, 1 Clement)	Monasticism Rule of Benedict, St Bernard on the Song of Songs	(cont.'d) – Radical Reformation
Apologetics (Justin Martyr, Origen, Irenaeus)	Pilgrimage, saints and relics J. de Voragine; <i>Pilgrims and Pilgrimage</i> (CD-ROM fr.U of York)	Calvin Knowledge of God, Eucharist, predestination
Asceticism (Life of Anthony, Desert Fathers, Pachomian Rules)	Eucharistic controversies Gary Macy, <i>Banquet's Wisdom</i>	(cont.'d?) - English Reformation
Canon and interpretation of scripture (Origen, Cassian, non-canonical texts; <i>De doctrina christiana</i>)	Church-State relations	Catholic Reformation, missionary encounters Canons on justification; devotion; missions; Baroque art; Las Casas, Ricci
Martyrs and persecutions (Ignatius, Polycarp, Perpetua, Maximilian)	Gregorian Reform	Spanish Mysticism Teresa of Avila, <i>Interior Castle</i> and/or John of the Cross – Zurbaran
Christianity and the Empire Eusebius, <i>Vita Constantini</i> Augustine; <i>City of God</i>)	Architecture, music, art, Marian devotion	Pietism (Wesley, small fellowships, Bach) - the Age of Reason (Rousseau; Hume, Kant)
Christological and Trinitarian controversies	Hesychasm Palamas; Jesus prayer; Way of the Pilgrim	Schleiermacher and liberal theology – Lives of Jesus (Strauss, Renan)
(cont'd) Athanasius, <i>Orations against the Arians</i> , Gregory Nazianzen, Augustine	Scholasticism Anselm, Aquinas, Bonaventure	Vatican I, modernist controversy (development of doctrine; Catholic art: Delacroix/St Sulpice - Lourdes – slave narratives)
Art and architecture Edward Foley, <i>From Age to Age</i> ; iconoclastic controversy; Byzantine art	Crusades/encountering the other Urban II (speech); just war theory	Catholic Social Teaching
Historiography Acts, Eusebius	Lateran IV Gary Macy, <i>Banquet's Wisdom</i>	World Christianity; Social Gospel; ecumenism; Pentecostalism/evangelicalism/hybrid religion
Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> Pelagius; Donatism	Mystics Pseudo-Dionysius, female mystics	Protestant and Orthodox theology in the 20 th century
Christianity and the Greco-Roman world	Papacy, schisms, conciliarism	<i>Nouvelle théologie</i> and Vatican II liturgy; interreligious dialogue; sexual ethics

<i>Phaedo</i> ; Apuleius' <i>Golden Ass</i>		
Christianity and Judaism (Mt, John, Chrysostom)	Lay Reform movements Waldensians, lollards, <i>devotio moderna</i>	Liberation theology, Feminist theology