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**TITLE:** MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY

**TERM:** January – April 2018 [20181]

**SCHEDULE:** Classes begin the week of January 8, 2018; SAS timetable available on SAS Website: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca) for day, time and room location.

**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Adrian Ciani

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO 30

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course examines the spiritual, social, and historical development of the Roman Catholic Church from the early to late medieval period (600 CE- 1400 CE). Instructional methods include lectures, class discussions, tests, written assignments and a final exam.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

The course is intended to achieve a number of learning outcomes. At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

Examine and assess the historical development of the Roman Catholic Church from the early to late medieval period.

Analyze and synthesize important documents in the development of the medieval Church.

Assess the larger social and historical contribution of the medieval Church to the subsequent development of European and Western civilization.

Create a critical and scholarly analysis of a specific topic in the history of the medieval Church, and present this research in a seminar presentation to the class.

My expectations for the class are that students make an effort to attend as regularly as possible, and be prepared in terms of following the reading schedule (as outlined below) and contributing to class discussions. Our classroom is a forum for a respectful and open exchange of ideas. I expect that students will respect the views of their peers on their merits, and work to maintain a civil, but engaged, scholarly environment.

**PREREQUISITES:**

Consult registrar.

## REQUIRED TEXTS:

Kevin Madigan, *Medieval Christianity: A New History* (Yale, 2015)

REQUIRED

Larry Siedentop, *Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism* (Penguin, 2014)

RECOMMENDED

*Both of these texts will be available at the University of Toronto Bookstore (214 College Street)*

## POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Class Participation:	15%
In-Class Assignment #1:	10%
In-Class Assignment #2:	15%
Mid-Term Test:	10%
Final Essay and Presentation:	30%
Final Exam:	20%

## Tentative Schedule of Lectures:

January 9:	Origins: From Early Christianity to the Medieval Church
January 16:	Early Medieval Christianity: The Conversion of the West to Charlemagne
January 23:	<i>Pontifex Maximus</i> : The Growth of Papal Power
January 30:	<i>Deus Vult</i> : The Crusades, Islam and Western Christianity
February 6:	Christians and Jews in Early Medieval Europe
February 13:	Reform and Repression: Institutional Evolution and the Challenge of Heresy
February 20:	NO CLASS: READING WEEK
February 27:	The Orders: Franciscans and Dominicans in the Medieval Church
March 6:	The Church and Education: The Development of the Medieval University
March 13:	Christians and Jews in Later Medieval Europe
March 20:	The End of Christendom: The Late Medieval Church
March 27:	Class Seminars
April 3:	Class Seminars and Exam Preparation

## ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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