

**ASSOCIATED CANADIAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS  
CCM 663/HIS 663: History of the Non-western Church**

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Three credit hours

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**I. Course description:**

Whose religion is Christianity? The fascinating story which helps answer this question is not well known among western Christians. This course aims to portray the growth of the Church outside of Europe and North America from the New Testament period up to the present. The first part of the course will focus mainly on the spread of the gospel in Asia through the fifteenth century. The second part of the course will trace the growth of the Church in East Asia, South Asia, Africa and Latin America up until modern times. This section will include a review of missionary efforts launched from Europe and North America. The methodology of the course is to examine historical situations analytically with a view to discovering factors which hindered or enhanced the spread of the gospel during specific eras—all out of a love for the Church. These discoveries will then be applied to the present work of world mission as Christian cross-cultural workers look to the future.

**II. Course objectives:**

*Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:*

Visualize the panorama of Church growth around the world through 20 centuries.

Describe by what means the gospel has spread in diverse cultural contexts.

Pinpoint problems encountered by the Church in witness and disciple-making.

Identify the features of Christian identity prior to and outside of Christendom.

Understand the developing demographics of Christian population in the world.

Appreciate the potential for Church growth in this present global situation.

**III. Required Textbooks:**

Hastings, Adrian, editor. *A World History of Christianity*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2000.

Moffett, Samuel Hugh. *A History of Christianity in Asia*. Volume I: Beginnings to 1500. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1998.

Sanneh, Lamin. *Whose Religion is Christianity? The gospel beyond the West*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2003.

Also recommended:

Walls, Andrew F. *The Missionary Movement in Christian History: Studies in Transmission of Faith*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1996.

#### **IV. Lecture topics and schedule of required readings:**

September 9 – Course Introduction; Christian identity outside Christendom

**Read** before first class: *A World History of Christianity*, 1-24

September 16 – East and South from Jerusalem

**Read** before class: *A History of Christianity in Asia*, 4-90

September 23 – Thriving Churches of the East

**Read** before class: *A History of Christianity in Asia*, 91-184

September 30 – Mission to Central Asia and China

**Read** before class: *A History of Christianity in Asia*, 185-284

October 7 – The Church under Islam

**Read** before class: *A History of Christianity in Asia*, 285-395

October 14 – The “Eclipse of Christianity” in Asia

**Read** before class: *A History of Christianity in Asia*, 399-512

October 21 – Church Growth in East Asia

**Read** before class: *A World History of Christianity*, 369-415

*Mid-term Quiz*

#### **(October 27-31: Reading Week and Modular Courses)**

November 4 – Church Growth in South Asia

**Read** before class: *A World History of Christianity*, 147-191

#### **(November 11 – Remembrance Day – Campus closed)**

November 18 – Church Growth in Africa. *Guest: Emmanuel LoWilla*

**Read** before class: *A World History of Christianity*, 192-237

also *Whose Religion is Christianity?*

November 25 – Church Growth in Latin America

**Read** before class: *A World History of Christianity*, 328-368

December 2 – Mission out of the Two-thirds World

**Read** before class: *A World History of Christianity*, 508-535

## V. Proposed Course Assignments and Marking:

Dear Students;

I am currently redesigning the assignments for this course and will need till the end of August to fine tune them. However, I want to get the general course information out to you already in July so that you can see what is in store. The notes below are intended to give you a realistic idea of the workload in the final syllabus, which will be posted at the end of August both on the ACTS website and on the MyCourses site for this course.

1. *Regular reading of textbooks*: Readings indicated in the course outline must be completed before each class so that the student is prepared for the lecture topic and can participate meaningfully in class discussions. The professor will refer to assigned readings during class and ask students to express their thoughts.
2. *Creative project on the Anglican World Communion*. The Anglican Church was in the news again during the summer of 2008 as Anglicans in different parts of the world discussed whether they could keep the Church together. What were the issues? Where do different parts of the Church line up? What are the authority questions? What does it all mean for World Christianity? Due **October 7**. (20% of final mark)
3. *Mid-term exam* on class lectures September 9 through October 14, and on the contents of *A History of Christianity in Asia* (Vol. I). Exam format will be multiple choice and short answer. The exam will be given after chapel **October 21**. (20% of final mark)
4. *MyCourses discussion* on Christian identity outside Christendom. Answer the question on the articles specified, linked or posted on the MyCourses site, then respond to the answers of each of the other members of your particular group. **Week of November 8-14**. (10% of final mark)
5. *Research on the growth of the Church in a non-western country*: Write the history of the spread of the gospel in one country. Start with the material on your country in *A World History of Christianity* and in David Barrett's *World Christian Encyclopedia* (see course bibliography, kept on reserve), and expand from there with help from at least ten solid scholarly sources. Be sure to describe the hindrances and helps for the spread of the gospel in your country throughout history. This paper will be graded on the basis of the clarity and force of your argument (30%); the quality of your research (30%); the organization of your materials (20%); and your writing style and mechanics (20%). 3000 words maximum. Due **November 18**. (30% of final mark)
6. *Final exam*: The final exam will be based on class lectures October 21 through November 25, and assigned readings from *A World History of Christianity* and *Whose Religion is Christianity?* Exam format will be multiple choice and short answer. The exam will be given after chapel on **December 2**. (20% of final mark)

**NOTE: Assignments must be submitted on the due date. Assignments submitted after the due date will not be accepted. Please plan your Fall semester accordingly.**

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## LETTER GRADE TO PERCENTAGE CORRELATION

### First Class

A+ = 97-100

A = 93-96

A- = 90-92

### Second Class

B+ = 85-89

B = 80-84

B- = 75-79

### Pass

C+ = 70-74

C = 65-69

C- = 60-64

## *Supplement: Important Academic Notes from ACTS*

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In the event of deteriorating weather conditions overnight or other emergency situations, every effort will be made to communicate information regarding the cancellation of classes to the radio stations CKNW (980 AM), CKWX (1130 AM), MAX (850 AM), PRAISE (106.5 FM) and KARI (550 AM) by 6:30 a.m., and an announcement will be placed on the University's switchboard as well as on the website <http://www.twu.ca/conditions/>. The first announcement regarding a closure will cover the period up to 1:00 p.m. only. If classes are to be cancelled beyond 1:00 p.m., this decision will be announced by the same means before 11:00 a.m. that day. Students and faculty should assume that all night classes will continue to operate. If the emergency continues into the evening, students and faculty may check for a closure notice on the University's switchboard and website after 3:00 p.m. that day.

### **Paper Formatting**

Students need to adhere to Turabian format except in counselling courses, for which APA format is used.

Students are encouraged strongly to use RefWorks (available through the library home page [www.twu.ca/library](http://www.twu.ca/library)) as their bibliographical manager and as a tool for formatting bibliographies. They will need to be aware of the need to “clean up” most bibliographies generated by this program. Students are encouraged to view the documents on the following websites for format samples: <http://faculty.ucc.edu/egh-damerow/turabian.htm> or [www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/). Note that in RefWorks the available formatting styles are those of Turabian (Notes), 6th edition, and APA – American Psychological Association, 5th edition.

Counselling students are expected to purchase the APA Publications Manual. More information found at the following website. <http://www.apastyle.org/pubmanual.html>. CANIL students can locate this on the CANIL intranet, under the “student” side. A hard copy is given to incoming students in the fall.

**Please check with your professor to see which one he/she recommends you use!!**

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Please note that all research projects involving human participants undertaken by members of the TWU university community (including projects done by ACTS students to satisfy course or degree requirements) **MUST** be approved by the Trinity Western

University Research Ethics Board. Information and forms may be found at <http://www.twu.ca/academics/research/ethics/> Those needing additional clarification may contact Dr. Bruce Guenther. Please allow at least three (3) weeks from the date of submission for a review of the application.

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Learning what constitutes plagiarism and avoiding it is the student's responsibility. An excellent resource describing plagiarism and how to avoid it has been prepared by TWU Librarian William Badke and is freely available for download (PPT file) or used as flash (self running) tutorials of varying lengths from:

<http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/plagiarism.ppt>

<http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/Plagiarism.swf> (14 minute flash tutorial)

[http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/Plagiarism\\_Short.swf](http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/Plagiarism_Short.swf) (8 minute flash tutorial)

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