

# HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY, M.A.

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The History of Christianity M.A. program (44 hrs) provides an opportunity for students to explore the contours of Christian history across two millennia in a liberal arts context. Over the course of two years, students will undertake rigorous and critical study of the history of the Christian church as it interacted with theological, social, political, intellectual, economic, gender, and cultural factors. Core courses will provide a comprehensive knowledge of Christian history and equip students with skills necessary for advanced historical work. Students will then have the foundation to progress in their understanding of the field through more in-depth seminar courses.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, skills for service in the church and society worldwide will be fostered. Those who excel in the program will be prepared to undertake doctoral work in the history of Christianity, historical theology, and history.

## Faculty

**Program Director, Franklin S. Dyrness Professor in Biblical and Theological Studies,** Jennifer Powell McNutt

**Professor of Theology,** Marc Cortez

**Carolyn and Fred McManis Professor of Christian Thought, Professor of History,** Timothy Larsen

**Gunther H. Knoedler Professor of Theology,** Daniel Treier

**Adjunct Professors,** James Arcadi, Joel Chopp, Jeremy Lundgren

## Requirements

The History of Christianity M.A. requires 44 hours:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>20</b>
BITH 533 or BITH 638	Exploring the Old Testament Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 555 or BITH 648	Exploring the New Testament New Testament Theology	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 578	Global Church History	4
BITH 627	World Religions	4
<b>History of Christianity Courses</b>		<b>24</b>
BITH 686	Historiography	4
BITH 581	The Reformation	4
BITH 677	Topics in the History of Christianity	4
BITH 679 or BITH 677	Seminar in Historical Theology Topics in the History of Christianity	8
Elective (restricted to BITH courses)		4
<b>Capstone Elements</b>		
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam (Students should not take the exam before they have completed 32 credits of the program.)	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b>