

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department:	CASS
Programme:	History
FHEQ Level:	5
Course Title:	The Papacy: a History of the Roman Catholic Church
Course Code:	HST 5845
Course Leader:	Rosanna Grazianni
Student Engagement Hours:	120 (standard 3- credit BA course)
Lectures:	45
Seminar / Tutorials:	Click here to enter text.
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
Semester:	Fall, Spring, Summer
Credits:	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

Course Description:

ITALIAN STUDY CENTRES ONLY. Using class visits to sites as diverse as catacombs, Roman ruins and Christian churches this class examines how the entire fabric of the western, if not the global world, is intertwined with the 2000 year old history of the Roman Catholic Church and the papacy. In doing so it examines the major events, ideas, persons and places that have influenced the evolution of the Church, beginning with the origins of the Church as a religious sect and political movement and ending with the establishment of the Vatican State in the twentieth century. It concludes by discussing the future of the faith as Christian numbers decline in the wake of a rising secularism and a resurgent Islam.

Prerequisites:

HST 3200 World Cultural History or GEP 4180 Research & Writing II

Aims and Objectives:

This course aims to discuss the most significant events, personalities, institutions and periods that have impacted Roman Catholic history, including: the early persecutions; church-state relations; Arianism; ecumenical councils; lay investiture; the buying and selling of indulgences; the Crusades; the Inquisition; the Schism with the Greek Orthodox Church; the Protestant Reformation; the Enlightenment and the relationship with Fascism. In doing

so it will consider a range of sources and methodologies, including: archaeology, art history, textual criticism, philosophy, theology and law.

Programme Outcomes:

5A(i); 5B(i); 5B (iii); 5C(ii);5C(iii); 5D(ii)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by the Academic Registry and found at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/content/academic-schools/academic-registry/program-and-course-specifications.aspx>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the periods, personalities, developments, changes and attitudes of the Roman Catholic Church over its 2000 + year history;
- Analyse critically the religious, philosophical, political and theological systems/ideas (Seneca, Tertullian, Cyprian, Augustine, Aquinas) that helped to shape the direction of the Church;
- Recognise, utilise and critique the varying historical sources and documents which help us to understand the evolution of Church history.

Indicative Content:

- Competing cults and philosophies
- The Crises of the Third Century
- The Theodosian Shift
- Church and State in the Middle Ages: Charlemagne to the Crusades
- Avignon, the Black Death & the Fall of Constantinople
- Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment
- Fascism, Communism, Capitalism

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board and located at: <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/>

Teaching Methodology:

In-class lectures with visuals

Assigned readings

In-class seminars, videos and discussions

On-site visits and guest lectures

Indicative Text(s):

Bokenkotter, T., 2003. *A Concise History of the Catholic Church*. Image Books

Norwich, J.J., 2011. *The Popes. A History*. Chatto & Windus.

Journals

See syllabus

Web Sites

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See syllabus for complete reading list

Change Log for this CSD:

Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or AB)	Change Actioned by Academic Registry