

CODE:	THO 3167	TITLE:	History of the Church: The First Five Centuries
CREDITS:	3 cr.		
TERM:	Winter 2010	PROFESSOR:	John Kevin Coyle

DESCRIPTION	<p>The course is in two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the first part will present a general overview of Christianity, from the end of the apostolic age to the end of the Western Roman Empire (ca. 500 A.D); - in the second part, particular aspects of the Christian experience within the same period will be explored.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand the hermeneutics of history, and the role of history in theology; - to discover the factors at work in the development of Christianity during its first centuries; and to consider the relationship between Christianity in the past and as it is now.
WORKLOAD	<p>Mid-term written test (toward the end of February), covering course material to that point; Paper of app. 15 pages, due toward the end of March; and Final exam, covering course material since the mid-term.</p>
EVALUATION	<p>Mid-term: 30% Paper: 40% Final exam: 30%</p>
RECOMMENDED TEXT	<p>Bradley, J.E. and R.A. Muller, <i>Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods</i>, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995.</p>