

Emmanuel College Sydney

Historical Theology Curriculum, 2024

Coordinator: Rev. Dr Peter Barnes (coordinator)

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Rev. Elliot Ku (DMin candidate)

Mr Robert van Gend

Mr Matthew Payne (PhD candidate)

Mr Shane Gooch

Mr Aaron Balmforth

Mr James Jeffery

Aim of Course

- Understand the flow of historical theology down through 2,000 years of Christian life and thought.
- Become familiar with key thinkers over this time.
- To be able to interact with this theology from a Reformed Christian viewpoint.

Expected outcomes

- The student to grow in understanding the major outlines of the development of Christian theology.
- The student to love the development of these theologies, and see the hand of God in it.
- The student to be able to apply the truths of this theologies to his or her own situation, and to the contemporary church and world.

Required Reading

Jason G. Duesing and Nathan A. Finn (eds), *Historical Theology for the Church*, Nashville: B & H Academic, 2021.

Recommended Reading

Gregg R. Allison, *Historical Theology: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*, Michigan: Zondervan, 2011.

Geoffrey W. Bromiley, *Historical Theology: An Introduction*, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1978.

Harvie M. Conn, *Contemporary World Theology*, New Jersey: Presbyterian and Reformed,

1977.

William Cunningham, *Historical Theology*, 2 volumes, Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1862, reprinted 1969.

R. A. Finlayson, *The Story of Theology*, London: Tyndale Press, 1969.

Jaroslav Pelikan, *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine*, five volumes, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989.

Course Outline

Week (Tuesdays, 10.00 a.m.- noon)	Lecture Topic (1hr)	Tutorial Topic/ lecture (1 hr)	Lecturer (subject to change)
1. Feb 13	What is Historical Theology?	The Apostolic Fathers	Peter Barnes
2. Feb 20	Irenaeus, <i>Against All Heresies</i>	Origen	Peter Barnes
3. Feb 27	Origen, <i>On First Principles</i>	Cyprian, <i>On the Church</i>	Peter Barnes
4. Mar 5	The Council of Nicaea	Athanasius	Brett Lee-Price
5. Mar 12	Athanasius, <i>On the Incarnation of the Word</i>	Leo's <i>Tome</i> and Chalcedon	Peter Barnes
6. Mar 19	Augustine of Hippo	The Rule of St Benedict	Peter Barnes
7. Mar 26	<i>Confessions</i>	<i>City of God</i>	Elliot Ku
8. April 16	Anselm, <i>Cur Deus Homo</i>	Thomas a Kempis, <i>Imitation of Christ</i>	Peter Barnes
9. April 23	Thomas Aquinas	Aquinas' <i>Summa</i>	Robert van Gend or Peter Barnes
10. April 30	Martin Luther	Luther, <i>Bondage of the Will</i>	Shane Gooch
11. May 7	Calvin	Calvin, <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i>	Peter Barnes
12. May 14	Zwingli, <i>Clarity and Certainty of God's Word</i>	The Marburg Colloquy	Peter Barnes
13. May 21	Thomas Cranmer and the English Reformation	Ignatius Loyola and the Counter Reformation	Peter Barnes
Semester Break			
1. July 23	The Puritans	William Perkins, <i>Golden Chain</i>	Matthew Payne
2. July 30	John Owen, <i>The Death of Death</i>	Thomas Watson, <i>Body of Divinity</i>	Peter Barnes
3. Aug 6	The Reformed Creeds, especially the WCF	Christ as King: The Covenanters	Shane Gooch and Aaron Balmforth
4. Aug 13	Jansenism and Blaise Pascal	Jonathan Edwards	Peter Barnes
5. Aug 20	Jonathan Edwards, <i>The Religious Affections</i>	John Newton, <i>Letters</i>	Shane Gooch on Edwards, Peter Barnes on Newton
6. Aug.27	William Wilberforce	John Henry Newman, <i>The Development of Christian Doctrine</i>	Peter Barnes

7. Sept 3	Friedrich Schleiermacher, <i>The Christian Faith</i>	Charles Spurgeon and the Downgrade Controversy	Brett Lee-Price
8. Sept 16	Abraham Kuyper, <i>Lectures on Calvinism</i>	B. B. Warfield, <i>Inspiration of Scripture</i>	Peter Barnes
9. Sept. 23	J. Gresham Machen, <i>Christianity and Liberalism</i>	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	James Jeffery and Peter Barnes
10. Sept 30	Bonhoeffer, <i>Ethics</i>	Karl Barth and Neo-Orthodoxy	Peter Barnes
11. Oct 15	Rudolf Bultmann	Francis Schaeffer	Peter Barnes
12. Oct 22	C. S. Lewis, <i>Mere Christianity</i>	G. K. Chesterton, <i>Orthodoxy</i>	Peter Barnes
13. Oct.29	Calvinism and Fundamentalism	Historical Theology Through the Ages: Trinity, Christ, Salvation, Authority	Peter Barnes

Assessments (two 1500 word essays each semester plus one tutorial topic to be led by a student each semester, and written up later consisting of about 500 words).

First semester:

- (a) Select a writing from the period of the Early Church, place it in its historical context and analyse its strengths and weaknesses.
- (b) How crucial was Calvin's *Institutes* in the development of Reformed theology?
- (c) Pick one tutorial topic, and prepare to lead the class on it, giving context, content, and applicability.

Second semester:

- (a) Select a writing from the period of the Puritans, place it in its historical context and analyse its strengths and weaknesses.
- (b) Analyse the theology of **one** of the following: Blaise Pascal or B. B. Warfield or J. Gresham Machen or Francis Schaeffer or C. S. Lewis.
- (c) Pick one tutorial topic, and prepare to lead the class on it, giving context, content, and applicability.

Philosophy Course

Philosophy will be offered in 2024 via means for four two-day intensives:

- (a) Jan 29-30 on Ancient Philosophy;
- (b) April 8-9 on the theme of 'Know Thyself'
- (c) June 25-26 on C. S. Lewis as a philosopher;
- (d) September 9-10 on Birth and Death in Modernity.

Apart from the C. S. Lewis module, all will be led by Jemimah Wilson.