



INSTEP-WFU Cambridge

CHRISTIAN HISTORY

This course looks at the institutional developments of Christianity in the context of the historical background and focuses on transforming society.

11 Supervisions:

- Week 1 The Dawn of the Christian Church
- Week 2 The Church under Persecution
- Week 3 Creeds, Councils and Christ: the Formation of the Creeds
- Week 4 The Growth of Christianity in Europe
- Week 5 Early Attempts at Global Christianity
- Week 6 The Reformations: change and response
- Week 7 Christianity Asunder: Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox
- Week 8 The Golden Age of Mission
- Week 9 The Church Changes the World: Christian Action from Slavery to Factory Children
- Week 10 The Church and the Twentieth Century
- Week 11 Christianity Goes Global: the New Worldwide Church

Basis textbooks that give an overall picture:

- MacCulloch, John** *A History of Christianity*
- McManners, John** *The Oxford Illustrated History of Christianity*
- Catherwood, Christopher** *A Crash Course on Church History*

Reference will also be made to the excellent books by Fernandez-Armesto, and by Phillip Jenkins.

For the USA the many helpful works by Mark Noll will be consulted.

Cambridge has specialist libraries where good theological books can be consulted.

Method of Assessment:

Supervision discussions
Evidence of background reading
2 essays of at least 2500 words