Courses
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CHIS501  
Church History I  
Early church; rise of the papacy; great schism; crusades; medieval church to 1500. Intended for students without a college course in church history. CHIS501, 502, and 503 should be taken sequentially.

CHIS502  
Church History II  
Continental Reformation and Counter Reformation; English Reformation; Elizabethan Settlement; English Puritanism. Intended for student without a college course in church history.

CHIS503  
Church History III  
Enlightenment; pietism; Methodism; American denominationalism; Eastern Orthodoxy; and recent developments. Intended for students without a college course in church history.

CHIS504  
Adventist Heritage  
History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the life and ministry of Ellen G. White. Intended for students without equivalent undergraduate course(s). Prerequisite to GSEM534 and CHIS674.

CHIS567  
Hispanic-American Church History  
The Christian Church in Hispanic North America, in the wider context of Spanish and Latin American church history since the 16th century.

CHIS600  
The Early Church to A.D. 604  
The message and mission of the church; experiences, attitudes, and practices of early Christians, selected for their usefulness to a modern pastor.

CHIS609  
The Church in the Middle Ages  
Rise of the papacy; the evangelization of Europe; the great schism, investiture controversy, crusades, and conciliarism; religious authority, predestination, justification, church and state, church and sacrament, faith and reason.

CHIS620  
Seminar in Christian Biography*  
A study of the lives and contributions of selected preachers and other church leaders from ancient times to the present.

CHIS625  
Seminar in Church-State Thought  
A seminar that examines religious toleration and freedom and the relationship of church and state through the reading of primary sources. Includes classic writers such as Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, Williams, Bayler, Locke, Jefferson, and Mill, and contemporary authors such as Neuhaus and Carter.

CHIS628  
Historical Research and Historiography  
An examination of the methods of historical investigation and presentation.

CHIS629  
History of Christian Spirituality  
History and practice of Christian spirituality, from the Early Church through the Modern Church and Adventism, supported by reading and discussion of selected spiritual writers. Repeatable.

CHIS630  
History of Jewish Experience  
The history of the Jewish people, religion, literature, and culture since biblical times, with emphasis on relationships to Christianity.

CHIS635  
History of the African American Churches  
An investigation of the African-American experience within the Christian church, with particular focus given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Study is given to such critical issues as Regional Conferences.

CHIS638  
History of Covenant, Law, and Sabbath  
The historical development of the doctrines of covenant, law, and Sabbath and their interrelationships since the early church, with particular attention to aspects that have influenced the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

CHIS640  
Reformation: ______________  
Careers and contributions of selected major reformers and the course of their movements. Repeatable with different reformers or movements.

CHIS650  
English Reformation and Rise of Puritanism  
Developments in the 16th and 17th centuries; the Elizabethan Settlement; the Puritan movement and its relation to authority, the kingdom of God, preaching, and the Sabbath; leading Reformers and Puritans and their legacy for today.

CHIS655  
Wesley and Methodism  
Topics in the historical development of Methodism and Wesleyan theology. Repeatable.

CHIS660  
History of Religion in America  
The development of religion in America from colonial times to the
present. Emphasis on the role of religion in American culture and on such issues as revivalism, the social concerns of the churches, and the evolution of major denominational families.

CHIS664

**History of American Religious Thought**

Special attention given to the evolution of Calvinistic and Arminian thought, millennial schemes in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and the fundamentalist-modernist controversy. Intellectual developments that influenced the development of Seventh-day Adventism are emphasized.

CHIS665

**Modern Church History**

The Pietistic movement, evangelical awakenings, the Enlightenment, the rise of the modern missionary impulse, the Oxford Movement, the Vatican Councils, and related phenomena, in the context of their times. Factors that influenced the rise of Seventh-day Adventism are emphasized.

CHIS668

**History of Religious Liberty**

Religious oppression and freedom in the history of Western civilization with special attention to developments in British Colonial America and the United States; Sunday closing laws and labor unionism as threats to religious freedom; government aid to education; current developments as they occur.

CHIS670

**Seminar in History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Research into specific areas of denominational history employing source materials in the Adventist Heritage Center and Ellen G. White Research Center. Repeatable. Prerequisite: CHIS570 or CHIS674.

CHIS673

**Development of Seventh-day Adventist Lifestyle**

The historical development of Seventh-day Adventist practice and attitude in such areas as healthful living, military service, Sabbath observance, literature evangelism, labor unions, recreation, dress, political activity, marriage, minorities, and education. Repeatable.

CHIS675

**Seminar in the Development of Seventh-day Adventist Lifestyle**

The historical development of Seventh-day Adventist practices and attitudes in relation to such matters as healthful living, military service, Sabbath observance, worship, labor unions, recreation, amusement, entertainment, sports, dress and adornment, music, theater, drama, marriage, divorce, minorities, education, reform, and the nearness of the second advent. Repeatable.

CHIS680

**History of Sabbath and Sunday**

A historical and theological study of the extensive primary sources and issues concerning Sabbath and Sunday, with due attention to related matters.

CHIS682

**Seminar in Church History**

Research into special topics in Christian history from the Early-church period through post-Reformation times. Repeatable with different topics.

CHIS684

**Seminar in History of Sabbath and Sunday**


CHIS685

**Studies in Church History**

Topics announced in advance. Repeatable with different topics.

CHIS688

**Contemporary Trends**

Selected topics involving recent developments in such areas as church and state relations, tensions between science and religion, challenge and opportunity in a technological society, the appeal of non-Christian religions, dialogue and debate in the ecumenical movement, and Christian versus non-Christian secularism.

CHIS689

**History of Liturgical Movements**

Liturgical movements in the medieval, Reformation, and post-Reformation periods; the Book of Common Prayer; liturgical developments in the Reform tradition; the contemporary liturgical revival in the context of ecumenism and Vatican II.

**Language and Literature**

CHIS514

**Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin**

Grammar, syntax and working vocabulary of Ecclesiastical Latin.

CHIS614

**Readings in Ecclesiastical Latin**

Reading and analysis of primary sources in Ecclesiastical Latin, selected for their significance to the history of theology. Prerequisite: CHIS514 or equivalent. Repeatable.

**Theology**

CHIS634

**Reformation Theology**

Teachings of the leading Reformers on justification, predestination, law and grace, the church, the sacraments, church-state relationships, and other topics; a comparison of these positions with Seventh-day Adventist teachings.

CHIS654

**Seminar in English Reformation and Puritan Theology**

Theological documents of the English Reformation and Puritanism, with particular attention to those aspects which influenced Seventh-day Adventist doctrine.

CHIS657

**Seminar in Reformation Theology**

Selected topics from Lutheran, Reformed, Swiss, Radical, and Counter-Reformation theologies. Repeatable.

CHIS659

**Seminar in the History of Selected Christian Doctrines**

The history of concepts characteristic of Seventh-day Adventism, such as the Sabbath, sanctuary, conditional immortality, and pre-millennial historicist eschatology, as taught through the centuries, with principal emphasis on their development outside of Seventh-day Adventism. Repeatable.
CHIS674
Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology
Origin and subsequent modification of characteristic Seventh-day Adventist teachings in such areas as the Sabbath, sanctuary, atonement, covenants, creation, conditional immortality, worship, typology, eschatology, Christology, and righteousness by faith. Prerequisite: CHIS504 or equivalent.

CHIS686
Development of Prophetic Interpretation
The historical development of the understanding of apocalyptic prophecies in Daniel, Revelation, the Gospels, and the Epistles, since the first century. The origin, development and impact of historicism, preterism, futurism, dispensationalism, and millennialism.

CHIS687
Seminar in Development of Prophetic Interpretation*
A study of topics in the history of prophetic interpretation, with attention to aspects which have influenced Seventh-day Adventists. Repeatable.

CHIS940
Seminar
Selected issues in Church History or Adventist Studies. Repeatable.

CHIS974
Seminar in Development of Seventh-day Adventist Doctrines
The development of such doctrines as the Sabbath, sanctuary, atonement, righteousness by faith, conditionalism, and premillennialism within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Repeatable.

Individual Studies

CHIS690
Independent Study
Restricted to advanced students. Selected problems in the field of church history. See general guidelines under Academic Policies Applying to All Programs (p. 349).

CHIS695
Topics in Church History
Selected themes. Can be used only by preapproval from the student’s program director and the teacher. Repeatable with different topics.

CHIS890
Directed Reading in Church History
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

CHIS895
Directed Reading in Adventist Studies
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

*Entrance to 600-level seminars normally requires completion of a related course with superior grade and in some instances (e.g., when enrollment is restricted) may also require the professor’s permission.

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Courses
(Credits)

DSRE503
Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships
(3)
Current issues in marriage and family are discussed, and available resources are explored. The dynamics of interpersonal relationships are examined and students are challenged to emulate Christ’s example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.

DSRE534
Ministry to Youth and Young Adults
(2–3)
Designed to acquaint students with the opportunities for ministry to and with young people in the church, school and home. The biblical principles of youth ministry leadership, within the context of the church community, are given primary emphasis.

DSRE541
Foundations of Biblical Spirituality
(2–3)
Study and practice of Biblical spirituality designed to lead students to growth in their personal spiritual lives.

DSRE542
Advanced Foundations of Biblical Spirituality
(2–3)
In-depth study and practice of specific issues and activities of the spiritual life. Repeatable. Prerequisite: DSRE541.

DSRE546
Marriage and Family
(2–3)
Examination and development of pastoral tools for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Includes study of theological, psychological, and sociological principles and applications for the life cycle of the family.

DSRE564
Advanced Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership
(2–3)
Application of biblical principles of youth ministry leadership to the concrete issues and settings of contemporary youth ministry. Treats topics such as: small groups for youth; sexuality and dating; music; programming. Prerequisite: DSRE534.

DSRE605
Issues in Religious Education
(2–3)
Issues in religious education—with a focus on contemporary