RELH 400 SDA History and Prophetic Heritage
Consortium of Adventist Colleges and Universities

Self-Paced Full Term Courses
This is a Self-Paced Full Term course which follows the Andrews semester schedule. Self-Paced Full Term courses have four important dates: 1) a start date, 2) a midterm completion date, 3) a final completion date, and 4) a course completion date. Please note that all modules prior to the midterm must be completed BEFORE the midterm and all modules between the midterm and final must be completed BEFORE the final.

Instructor Contact
Please refer to course in Learning Hub for the teacher contact information.

Communication with the Instructor
It is important to remember that while the Internet is available 24 hours a day, your instructor is not. You can expect that your instructor will respond to e-mail message to you within 2 business days during the week and may not be available to respond on weekends.

Other Assistance

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Part 1: Course Information

Course Description
An investigation of the background, rise, and development of the Seventh-day Adventist church in America and the world from its beginning until the present with special attention given to the historical role, ministry and writings of Ellen White and the consequential development of SDA beliefs. Theology majors take the class for 4 credits, Religion majors for 3 credits.

Course Prerequisites
The class does not have any specific prerequisites but students are advised not to take the class in their freshmen year.

Course Learning Outcomes

- To identify the history and development of the SDA church from its “infancy” to “adulthood.” CLO 1
- To discuss main personalities, their role, and their contribution in the history of the SDA church. CLO 2
- To interpret the prominent role Ellen G. White has in the SDA church with regard to its doctrines, organization, and the life-style. CLO 3
- To distinguish between books and compilations in the literary corpus of Ellen G. White and develop principles of interpreting her writings. CLO 4
- To appraise critically the claims made in regard to the ministry of Ellen G. White. CLO 5
- To formulate the development of SDA beliefs. CLO 6
**Required Text/Material**

Knight, George R. *A Brief History of the Seventh-day Adventists* (R&H, 1999).
- read pages 43-124

- read pages 13-140

- read pages 35-60 and 91-106

Knight, George R. *Reading Ellen White* (Review and Herald, 1997).
- read pages 43-128

Knight, George R. *A Search for Identity* (Review and Herald, 2000).
- read pages 17-205

White, Ellen G. *Desire of Ages*

**Optional Text/Material**


**NOTE:** Purchase textbooks through any online bookstore, such as [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), which can deliver within 2 days. If you need to use financial aid to purchase textbooks, email sdestudents@andrews.edu, cutting and pasting the textbook information from syllabi, including course title and section, your full name and student ID#.

**Credit Hour and Commitment**

This course is offered for 3 or 4 credits; therefore it is expected that the student will spend 135 or 180 hours total on this course. For those who take the class for 3 credits, 135 hours of work are expected:

- Class Videos: 40 hours
- Reading/Reflecting: 50 hours
- Blog: 20 hours
- Creative Assignment: 5 hours
- Exam Preparation: 20 hours
- Total: 135 hours

For those who take the class for 4 credits 180 hours of work are expected:

- Class Videos: 40 hours
- Reading/Reflecting: 50 hours
- Blog: 20 hours
- Creative Assignment: 5 hours
- Exam preparation: 20 hours
- Research/Writing paper: 45 hours
- Total: 180 hours
Part 2: Course Methods and Delivery

Methods of Instruction
Methods of instruction include assigned readings from the textbook and the course material, interactions with the instructor via blogs, and six exams. Regular participation in the course is essential to good performance.

Course/Technical Requirements
- Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable).

LearningHub Access
This course is delivered online through LearningHub at http://learninghub.andrews.edu

Your username and password are your Andrews username and password. You need to activate your username and password to access LearningHub.

Please do this online here: https://vault.andrews.edu/vault/pages/activation/information.jsp if you haven’t already. If you need assistance, call or email us: (296) 471-6016 or helpdesk@andrews.edu.

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course, or to report a problem with LearningHub, please email dlit@andrews.edu or call (269) 471-3960.

Part 3: Course Requirements

Important Note: Activity and assignment details will be explained in detail within each learning module. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.

Your Schedule
In Learning Hub, you will access online lessons, course materials, and resources. This course is self-paced but with four specific dates: start date, midterm date, final date and completion date.

Assessment Descriptions

Review Assignments: There are 16 review assignments. The purpose of these assignments is to help you to better understand the studied concepts and to prepare for the quizzes. These assignments do not require formal writing but the answers need to be to the point and concise.

Reading requirements: The students are required to read or listen to (from the Ellen White website) Ellen White’s Desire of Ages book chapters 1-20 (p. 11-196) and chapters 75-87 (745-893). Due to lots of reading in this class, the student is allowed to listen to the chapters mentioned above and report them on LearningHub. Just report if you read it all (100%), partially (50%), or not at all (0%). This can be done in a devotional manner. The purpose of it is to expose the student to primary literature of Ellen G. White.

Students are also required to read the chosen pages of five of G. Knight’s books on Adventist History. The content of this reading will be included in the exams throughout the semester.
**Quizzes:** There will be a quiz after each of the George Knight textbooks. The first quiz will be for *Ellen White’s World*; the second quiz for *A Brief History of the SDA*; the third for *Meeting EGW*; the fourth for *Reading EGW*; the fifth for *Walking with EGW*; and the last for *A Search for Identity*. The questions on the quiz will be multiple-choice, fill in the blanks, and true or false questions.

**Blogs:** There will be eight blog assignments. You need to write a short essay (150-250 words) to answer each of the given questions. Please see the expectation for blog rubrics below.

**Creative Assignment:** Please create an Info Graph on the SDA History Timeline or a PowerPoint presentation on SDA History which you could use later on in a church or school/teaching context. The presentation should include dates, people, events, place, etc. which document the historical progression of the SDA church. See the schedule for due date.

**Research paper:** Students who take the class for four credits are required to write a 4-5 page research paper on controversial issues surrounding Ellen White and her ministry. Topics can be discussed with the professor or chosen by preference. (A good overview of the possible topics can be found in Jud Lake’s *Ellen White Under Fire*). The research paper should be submitted online through LearningHub. The student is required to consult at minimum 7 sources outside of textbooks. The topic must be chose during the first 3 weeks into the class. It is optional for the student to submit a rough draft 1 month prior to the deadline. The paper should consist of (1) an introduction in which the student informs the teacher about the topic of research. (2) The student should be familiar and research the arguments the critics of Ellen White use in arguing their position. (3) Next, the student will inform the reader of the arguments used by the supporters of Ellen G. White, such as the White Estate, etc. (4) Finally, the student will draw the conclusions he/she arrived at after their research. See the schedule for due date.

**Final Exam:** This exam will be comprehensive and based on class notes, textbooks and reading assignments. The review sheet for the final exam can be found online. Please, check it already at the beginning of the class and look for answers while reading. This will save your time when preparing for the final exam.

Sample questions:
1. Who was central to the North American Adventist beginning? *William Miller.*
2. What social and political events triggered an interest in Bible prophecy during the 18th century?
## Rubrics

### Rubrics for Blogs

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<td>The ideas are arranged so that they do not make complete sense.</td>
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<td>The posts use accurate citations in APA when necessary and show critical thinking.</td>
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<td>Introducing the topic</td>
<td>The writer’s central purpose or argument is readily apparent to the reader.</td>
<td>The writing has a clear purpose or argument, but may sometimes digress from it.</td>
<td>The central purpose or argument is not consistently clear throughout the paper.</td>
<td>The purpose or argument is generally unclear.</td>
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<td>Argument of the critics of Ellen G. White</td>
<td>Presentation of relevant and legitimate information that clearly supports the central purpose or argument that shows a thoughtful, in-depth analysis of that significant view. Reader gains important insight.</td>
<td>Presentation provides reasonable support for the central argument and displays evidence of a basic analysis on the topic. Readers gains some insights.</td>
<td>Information supports the central purpose or argument at times. Analysis is basic or general. Reader gains few insights.</td>
<td>Central purpose or argument is not clearly identified. Analysis is vague or not evident. Reader is confused or may be misinformed.</td>
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<td>Arguments of those defending Ellen G. White’s position</td>
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<td>The ideas are arranged logically to support the central purpose or argument. They are usually clearly linked to each other. For the most part, the reader can follow the line of reasoning.</td>
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<td>In general, the writing is arranged logically, although occasionally ideas fail to make sense together. The reader is fairly clear about what writer intends.</td>
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<td>The writing is not logically organized. Frequently, ideas fail to make sense together. The reader cannot identify a line of reasoning and loses interest.</td>
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Out of 15 points.

**Bibliography**

| Perfect SBL style. |
| Some mistake in the SBL style. |
| Many mistakes in the SBL style. |
| No SBL style followed. |

Out of 10 points.

**Exams**

Final exam must be completed in the presence of an approved proctor without the assistance of books, notes, devices or outside help unless otherwise specified in the exam review and exam directions.

Please review the [current policy on approved proctors](#) before completing the exam request form, which is linked through your course space. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for an approved proctor (unless living near the main campus) and to complete the exam request form at least two weeks prior to each exam date. Bring an official photo ID to show the proctor at the start of the exam session.

The final exam is worth 20% of your grade (15% for those who take the class for 4 credits). You are allowed 120 minutes to complete this exam. No notes or books are allowed to be used in the final exam.

If you cannot take your exam within the period noted in the email regarding exam arrangements, email [sdeexams@andrews.edu](mailto:sdeexams@andrews.edu) with the reason you cannot meet this deadline, and a proposed alternate time within a week, and prior to the course end date.

Completed exams are never available to you or your proctor. Instructors provide feedback on exams other than the final exam. Exam grades can be viewed in the course space, and the final course grade is included in the University Academic Record accessible through your IVUE page.
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<td>Heb. 1:1-3; Gen. 3; 2 Sam. 12; Dan. 12; Eze. 3; Jer. 28:9; Isa. 8:20; Matt. 7:15-20; 1 John 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:11-13; Rom 16:7; Rev. 12:1-6; Rev. 19:10; Rev. 22:8-9; 2 Tim. 3:16; Num. 12:6; Luke 1:1-4; 2 Cor. 12:2-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-11.</td>
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<td>G. Knight, <em>Reading E. White</em>, p. 13-62.</td>
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Watch: Lesson # 12 Development of SDA Theology (cont.) | G. Knight, *A Search for Identity*, p. 55-89. | Review Assignment #10  
Creative Assignment | CLO 5; CLO 6 |
| 13 | What is Christian in Adventism? What is Fundamentalist in Adventism?  
Watch: Lesson # 13 Development of SDA Theology (cont.) A  
Lesson # 13 Development of SDA Theology B  
Lesson # 13 Development of SDA Theology C | G. Knight, *A Search for Identity*, p. 89-159. | Review Assignment #11  
Blog #7  
Please present either your paper (those who took the class for 4 credits) or the Creative Assignment of the Info Graph on SDA History. | CLO 2; CLO 5; CLO 6 |
| 14 | Adventism in Theological Tension  
Watch: Lesson # 14 Dev. of SDA Theology (cont.) | G. Knight, *A Search for Identity*, p. 128-159. | Review Assignment #12 | CLO 2; CLO 5; CLO 6 |
| 15 | Final Exam Review  
Watch: Lesson # 14 Dev. of SDA Theology (cont.) | G. Knight, *A Search for Identity*, p. 160-197. | Review Assignment #13  
Blog #8  
Research Paper (4cr students)  
Quiz #6: A Search for Identity | CLO 2; CLO 5; CLO 6 |
| 16 | July 29 – Aug 2 | **FINAL EXAM**  
(comprehensive)  
(Needs to be completed by Thursday, August 2, by 11:59 PM) | | | |

**Completing Assignments**
All assignments for this course will be submitted electronically through LearningHub unless otherwise instructed.

**Part 4: Grading Policy**

**Graded Course Activities**

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**Viewing Grades in Learning Hub**
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- Click on the **Grades** link in the Settings Box to the left of the main course page.
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Part 5: Course Policies

Withdrawal and Incomplete Policies
The current withdrawal policy can be found online at https://www.andrews.edu/distance/students/gradplus/withdrawal.html. The incomplete policy is found online at http://www.andrews.edu/weblmsc/moodle/public/incompletes.html.

Maintain Professional Conduct Both in the Classroom and Online
The classroom is a professional environment where academic debate and learning take place. Your instructor will make every effort to make this environment safe for you to share your opinions, ideas, and beliefs. In return, you are expected to respect the opinions, ideas, and beliefs of other students—both in the face-to-face classroom and online communication. Students have the right and privilege to learn in the class, free from harassment and disruption.

Academic Accommodations
Students who require accommodations may request an academic adjustment as follows:
1. Read the Andrews University Disability Accommodation information at https://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/
2. Download and fill in the disability form at http://www.andrews.edu/services/sscenter/disability/accommodationsreqform.pdf. Preferably type answers. To save a digital copy, 1) print to file and save or 2) print and scan. Email the completed form and disability documentation (if any) to success@andrews.edu or fax it to (269) 471-8407.
3. Email sdestudents@andrews.edu to inform the School of Distance Education that a disability has been reported to Student Success.

Commitment to Integrity
As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class, and integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.
Commitment to Excellence
You deserve a standing ovation based on your decision to enroll in, and effectively complete this course. Along with your pledge of “commitment to Integrity” you are expected to adhere to a “commitment to excellence.” Andrews University has established high academic standards that will truly enhance your writing and communication skills across the disciplines and in diverse milieu with many discourse communities in the workplace.

Honesty
Using the work of another student or allowing work to be used by another student jeopardizes not only the teacher-student relationship but also the student’s academic standing. Lessons may be discussed with other students, tutors may help to guide a student’s work, and textbooks, encyclopedias and other resource materials may be used for additional assistance, but the actual response must be the student’s own work.

Exams must be completed in the presence of an approved supervisor without the assistance of books, notes, devices or outside help unless otherwise specified in the exam directions. The student should have no access to the exam either before or after it is taken. A student who gives information to another student to be used in a dishonest way is equally guilty of dishonesty.

Any violation of this policy will be taken before the Higher Education Academic and Curriculum Committee for appropriate punitive action.