

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

**CHIS640: Radical Reformation**

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**SCHEDULE:** The FIRST CLASS will meet **THURSDAY, March 30**, 3:30 - 6:20 p.m., in Room 130. The rest of the quarter, the class will meet **WEDNESDAYS, 3:30 - 6:20 p.m.**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To survey the major movements, events, personalities, and theological issues of the Radical Reformation, with primary emphasis placed on the Anabaptists.
2. To acquaint the student with significant parallels between Anabaptist and Seventh-day Adventist history, theology, and ethics.
3. To show the relevance of Anabaptist history to later and contemporary theological issues.
4. To facilitate the integration of course content with the student's personal faith, belief system, and life experience.

**TEXTBOOKS**

Liechty, Daniel. *Sabbatarianism in the Sixteenth Century: A Page in the History of the Radical Reformation*. Berrien Springs: Andrews University Press, 1993. 96 pp. \$13.95.

Snyder, C. Arnold. *Anabaptist History and Theology*. Revised Student Edition. Kitchener, Ontario: Pandora Press, 1997. viii + 464 pp. \$35.00.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The reading of the textbooks. Parts of Snyder and all of Liechty will be examinable.
2. A visit to the Menno-Hof, a highly creative audio-visual introduction to Anabaptist history, theology, and socialization. The Menno-Hof is located in Shipshewana, Indiana, about 70 minutes drive from Andrews. Students should allow 4 to 5 hours for the trip. There is a requested donation of \$4.00. The Menno-Hof is open Monday - Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM (Eastern Standard Time). See attached map.
3. Two examinations will be given over the Date List, designated portions of the textbooks, classroom lectures, discussions, activities, and handouts.
4. In addition to the textbooks, some other source materials will be handed out on a weekly basis. Students will be expected to familiarize themselves with these materials well enough to discuss them in class.



**EVALUATION:**

1. The following components will form the basis for grading:

<u>M.Div.</u>	<i>Approximately</i>
Mid-term	40%
Menno-Hof	10%
Final Exam	50%
Total possible	100%

<u>M.A., Ph.D.</u>	<i>Approximately</i>
(students taking 4 credits will need to do a research project as well)	
Mid-term	30%
Menno-Hof	10%
Final	30%
Paper	30%
Total possible	100%

2. Grading scale, expressed in percentage of points possible:

A	96-100	C+	70-75
A-	91-95	C	65-69
B+	86-90	C-	60-64
B	81-85	D	50-59
B-	76-80	F	49 or below

3. Other factors that may affect grading:

- a. Unexcused absences.
- b. Late assignments may not receive full credit. Late work caused by illness should be verified by a note from the campus health center. Major emergencies unrelated to illness should be discussed with the instructor before the due date of the assignment.
- c. Any student unable to be present for an examination because of illness or any other emergency should notify the professor in advance. If no advance arrangements are made, the grade for the exam may be lowered.

**TIME BUDGET:**

For M.Div., 3 credit hours

Assigned reading	30 hours
Weekly review of class notes	5 hours (30 min. x 10 weeks)
Trip to Menno-Hof	5 hours
Mid-term exam preparation	6 hours
Final exam preparation	8 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 hours</b>

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**TIME BUDGET (cont.):**

For M.A., Ph.D., 3 credit hours, add a 21-hour project for a total of **75 hours** outside class.

For M.Div., 4 credit hours, add a 27-hour project for a total of **81 hours** outside class.

For M.A., Ph.D., 4 credit hours, add a 56-hour project for a total of **110 hours** outside class.

(These figures are based on “Class Assignment Load Guidelines,” Oct. 1996.)

**LIBRARY RESERVE LIST**

Bender, Harold S. The Anabaptist Vision. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1944. 48 pp. \$1.95.

Gross, Leonard. The Golden Years of the Hutterites: The Witness and Thought of the Communal Moravian Anabaptists during the Walpot Era, 1565-1578. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1980. 264 pp.

Based on a doctoral dissertation, this work is a rich, readable, and faith-building source of Anabaptist history. It emphasizes the encounters between Hutterite Anabaptists and contemporary Lutherans, Calvinists, Roman Catholics, and civil authorities.

Liechty, Daniel. Andreas Fischer and the Sabbatarian Anabaptists: An Early Reformation Episode in East Central Europe. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1988. 168 pp. \$29.95.

\_\_\_\_\_. Sabbatarianism in the Sixteenth Century: A Page in the History of the Radical Reformation. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1993. 96 pp. \$13.95.

Moon, Jerry. “Inclusive versus Exclusive Concepts of the Church in Relation to Members’ Conduct: Sixteenth-Century Lutherans and Anabaptists as Case Studies.” Term paper, Andrews University, 1987.

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Moore, John Allen. Anabaptist Portraits. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1984. 264 pp. \$10.95.

Includes documented biographies of six leading Anabaptists: Conrad Grebel, Felix Mantz, George Blaurock, Michael Sattler, Hans Denck, and Balthasar Hubmaier. For inspirational reading and sermon illustrations about Christians who were faithful unto death, this is an excellent source.

Snyder, C. Arnold. *Anabaptist History and Theology*. Kitchener, Ontario: Pandora Press, 1995. Unabridged Edition, x + 434 pages. Abridged Student Edition, includes all maps and illustrations, but with shorter text, ix + 269 pages.

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Verduin, Leonard. "Luther's Dilemma: Restitution or Reformation?" in Essays on Luther, ed. Kenneth A. Strand, 75-96. Ann Arbor, MI: Ann Arbor Publishers, 1969.

## DATE LIST

1516	Erasmus' Greek New Testament
1517	Luther's <i>95 Theses</i>
1521	Diet at Worms Luther hidden in Wartburg castle Karlstadt leading in Wittenberg
1524-26	Peasants' War
1525	Zurich: First adult re-baptisms in sixteenth-century Europe (January) Waldshut: Hubmaier baptizes 300 (Easter Sunday)
1526	Nikolsburg, Moravia: Oswald Glaidt and most of the city accept Anabaptism from Hubmaier
1527	Schleitheim Articles (February) Michael Sattler tortured and burned; Margareta Sattler drowned (May)
1528	Vienna: Balthasar Hubmaier burned; Elsbeth Hubmaier drowned Second coming expected at Pentecost according to Hans Hut Andreas Fischer and Oswald Glait debate with Caspar Schwenckfeld about the Sabbath
ca. 1529	Anabaptist "heresy" reaches England Hutterite movement begins among refugees from Nikolsburg
1534-35	Rise and fall of Münster, Westphalia
1536	Conversion of Menno Simons
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1545-64	Council of Trent
1546	Death of Luther
1561	Death of Menno Simons
1607	John Smyth receives <i>adult baptism</i> from Dutch Mennonites
1612	First English Baptist Church, at Spitalfields (a branch from John Smyth's Amsterdam congregation)
1641	English Baptists receive <i>immersion</i> from Dutch Mennonites
ca. 1650	First Sabbathkeeping Baptist Church in England (Mill Yard Church in London)
1664	Stephen Mumford takes Seventh Day Baptist message from England to America
1693	Amish division from Mennonites
1844	Rachel Oakes, Seventh Day Baptist, shares the Sabbath with Frederick Wheeler, Millerite Adventist