



**Skandinavisk
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Syllabus for

KM 203 — Church History II: Reformation to the Present

3.0 Credit Hours

Fall 2022

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A survey of the Christian Church from the Reformation to the present with special reference to key figures, events, themes, and developments.

Prerequisites: KM 202 (or consent of chair).

II. COURSE GOALS

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to do the following:

- A. Comprehend the basic historical framework, theological trends, and major personages of the church during and since the Reformation.
- B. Study clearly the causes, divisions, ramifications, and heritage of the Reformation.
- C. Develop a historical-theological synthesis of the major movements since the Reformation.
- D. Gain an understanding of the particular historical-theological heritage of which the student is a part.
- E. Form an understanding of a broad range of events, issues and ideas integral for a reflective study of Christian history and thereby enable the student to intelligently “dig deeper” after the close of the semester.
- F. Acquire critical-thinking skills useful for future academic and vocational pursuits.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

As a result of successfully completing this course, the student will be able to do the following:

- A. Identify the major theological issues raised by Reformation theologians in relation to the teachings of the Medieval Church.
- B. Articulate the significance of key themes in the Protestant, Catholic, and Radical Reformations.
- C. Critically explain the fundamental theological concerns of different varieties of Pietism
- D. Discuss the central features of Western theology and church politics during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
- E. Articulate the expansion, missionary models and major Christian traditions in the twentieth century.

Course literature

Lindberg, Carter: *A Brief History of Christianity*, Blackwell, Oxford, 2006, 80p

Lindberg, Carter: *The European Reformations*, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2009, 400p

Lindberg, Carter: *The Pietist Theologians. An Introduction to Theology in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2011, 250p

Jacobsen, Douglas: *The World's Christians. Who They Are, Where They Are and How They Got There*. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, 2021, 300p

Reference literature

Bettenson, H & Maundling: *Documents of the Christian Church*, Oxford Univ Press, Oxford, 2011

