

Title and Code of Course: CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS – HISTORICAL EXAMPLES FROM THE EARLY CHRISTIANITY TO THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input type="checkbox"/> In-Class Group Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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A detailed study of the relationship between church and state can be essential for anyone who seeks to understand Christianity's present situation in the World and wants comprehend the Western tradition of government, law and society. Historically, that relationship has taken a variety of forms from the state dominating religion; to religion dominating the state; and recent attempts to separate them.

Goals: This course designed to acquaint students with the formative events, persons and teachings which shaped the relationship between the Christian Church and the secular powers from the Early Christianity to the Reformation Era by the examination of the English translations of original sources. All assigned reading will be provided in electronic format.

Requirements: Regular reading of the assigned excerpts. Participating students will have to give a presentation in class with handouts, lead discussion about a chosen topic, and submit a 6-8 pages long seminar paper at the end of the course OR two presentations in class with handouts and discussion lead about two chosen topics without submitting seminar paper.

Schedule:

1. Introduction and orientation
2. The State persecutes the Church – The Age of Martyrs (HR p. 1-38)
3. The Church struggles for her freedom – Ambrose of Milan (O'D 66-88)
4. The State dominates the Church – The Justinian Era (O'D 189-194; HR 185-203)
5. The Church makes an alliance with the State – The Franks (BT p. 16-23)
6. The Church challenges the State – The Investiture Contest I. (BT 45-73)
7. The Church challenges the State – The Investiture Contest II. (BT 74-95)
8. The Church dominates the State – The Reign of Pope Innocent III (BT 127-138)
9. The State challenges the Church - The Decay of Papacy (BT 172-192)
10. The Church cooperates with the State – Early Reformation Era (O'D 581-595)
11. The Church leaves the State – The Anabaptist Example (O'D 631-637)
12. The Church rectifies the State - John Calvin (O'D 662-681)
13. The Church overcomes the State – John Knox (O'D 685-694)
14. The State persecutes the Church – French Protestant Example (O'D 711-722)
15. Conclusions

Bibliography:

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HR - Rahner, Hugo. *Church and State in Early Christianity*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1992.

BT - Tierney, Brian. *The Crisis of Church and State, 1050-1300*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1964.

Recommended Literature:

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Tierney, Brian. *Empire and Papacy--A Search for Right Order in the World?* New York: Random House, 1977.

Ullmann, Walter. *The Growth of Papal Government in the Middle Ages*. New York: Routledge, 2010.