

*Title and Code of Course:* Introduction to Christianity (ERP-BAN 9107)

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**Course Description:**  
What is Christianity – where and how did it have its beginnings, what is its main message, and how has it developed and changed over the centuries? In this course we learn about and try to understand the foundations of the Christian faith and practice in terms of its history, its most important figures, and its relevance for people in the 21st century. Alongside introductory talks we read texts, watch videos and discuss questions together.

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