

*Title and Code of Course:* **ERP-BAAA 0020 Church Studies**

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Credit Point Value: <b>6</b>	Number of Lessons per Week: <b>2</b>	Type of Course: <b>Seminar</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lecture</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: <b>Oral Examination</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>In-Class Presentation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Course Description:** The aim of the course is to give an overview of the history of Christian thinking. During the course those ideas and insights will be emphasized that stand in the centre of the Christian understanding of human reality. For this reason, the course will deal with the appearance of the first Christian community, the early Church and the Church of the Middle Ages. The course further aims for a detailed introduction to the ideas of the Pre-reformation and Reformation up to the 20th century, especially focusing on the primary concerns of Protestantism, more closely on the heritage of the Swiss Reformation. The investigation of the church-state relationship from a Christian perspective is also one of the main objectives of the course. Similarly, the ecumenical outlook is part of the inquiry. For this purpose, students will engage in dealing with different sources of Christian thinking.

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