Martyrs, Monks, Crusaders: World Christianity, 100 to 1400

Course Description

"This course surveys the history of world Christianity from the years 100 to 1400. It begins with an examination of the emergence of Christianity as a minority religion of the Roman Empire to its position of dominance in the civilizations of medieval Europe and Byzantium. The course is designed to be an introduction to the history of Christianity and the related history of the Crusades. It offers a unique opportunity to explore the relationship between Christianity, the Christian Church, and the political and cultural developments of the medieval period. The course is divided into three parts: the origins of Christianity, the early centuries, and the medieval period. The origins of Christianity are explored through a study of the New Testament and the development of early Christianity. The early centuries are examined through a study of the Councils of Nicea and Chalcedon, the development of the Church, and the spread of Christianity to the East and West. The medieval period is examined through a study of the Crusades, the development of the Church in the medieval period, and the relationship between the Church and the state."