Early Christian Literature

Program Coordinator: Jonathan Z. Smith, HM W403, 702.6022

Program of Study

The program in early Christian literature seeks to integrate the study of early Christianity with the study of Mediterranean life and thought from 300 BC to AD 1200.

Students are required to take HIST 16700-16800-16900 (or its equivalent) and to attain the equivalent of two years’ study of Greek. The civilization sequences may be used to meet the general education requirement in civilization studies. Students are also expected to take four courses in Mediterranean languages, literatures, art, history, and religions as approved by the program coordinator. Interested students should contact the program coordinator for more information about available courses. It is possible to combine a program in early Christian literature with more general studies in religion through the Religion and the Humanities program.

Summary of Requirements

- demonstrated competence in ancient Greek equivalent to one year of college-level study
- 3 one three-course sequence surveying Mediterranean history and/or culture
- 3 courses in Greek language beyond the first year*
- 4 approved courses in Mediterranean languages, literatures, art, history, or religions

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* Or credit for the equivalent as determined by petition.

Grading. Students must receive quality grades in the required courses (i.e., Greek language and history sequence). With consent of instructor, all other courses may be taken for quality grades or for P/F grades. Nonmajors may take courses for quality grades or for P/F grades.

Honors. Interested students should consult the program coordinator.

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29700. Reading and Research. PQ: Consent of program coordinator and submission of a formal proposal. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. J. Z. Smith. Autumn, Winter, Spring.