

# 3. Historical Theology

## 1. Course Information

Course Code: PTS–HST301

Level: Undergraduate, Year 3+

Credit Hours: 3/week (15 weeks)

Course Type: Core, Major Requirement

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## 2. Course Description

- 1) This course introduces the historical development of Christian doctrine from the early church to the modern era.
  - 2) Students will trace theological debates, doctrinal formations, major church councils, and the contributions of key theologians.
  - 3) The course equips students to critically understand how the past shapes contemporary theology.
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## 3. Course Objectives

- 1) Understand the historical formation and evolution of Christian doctrines.
  - 2) Analyze the role of ecumenical councils in shaping orthodoxy.
  - 3) Evaluate the contributions of key theologians in each era.
  - 4) Identify the foundations of modern theology rooted in historical development.
  - 5) Apply insights from historical theology to present-day faith and ministry.
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## 4. Weekly Topics

<u>Week Topic</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1 Introduction	Nature and method of historical theology
2 Early Church	Apostolic Fathers, Apologists, Council of Nicaea
3 Trinitarian Controversies	Arianism, Athanasius, Council of Chalcedon
4 Christology	Monophysitism, Nestorianism, doctrinal definitions
5 Sacraments & Ecclesiology	Development of church structure and sacraments
6 Medieval Theology I	Augustine, grace, original sin
7 Medieval Theology II	Aquinas, scholasticism
8 Reformation I	Luther, Calvin, justification, Scripture
9 Reformation II	Zwingli, Anabaptists, Council of Trent
10 Protestant Orthodoxy	Westminster Confession, Lutheran Confessions
11 Enlightenment & Liberalism	Rationalism, Schleiermacher, higher criticism
12 19th–20th Century Theology	Barth, Bultmann, Tillich, Bonhoeffer
13 Evangelicalism & Pentecostalism	20th-century developments
14 Korean Church Theology	Reception of theology in Korea
15 Review & Presentation	Final exam or paper presentations

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## 5. Grading

- 1) Attendance and Participation: 10%

- 2) Midterm Exam: 30%
  - 3) Final Paper/Exam: 40%
  - 4) Assignments & Presentations: 20%
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#### 6. Recommended Reading

- 1) Justo L. González, A History of Christian Thought
- 2) Jaroslav Pelikan, The Christian Tradition(Vol. 1–5)
- 3) Gregg R. Allison, Historical Theology