

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## HIST 385: History of Christianity

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4

Lecture Hours/Week: 4

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course surveys the theological, political and cultural history of Mediterranean Christianity c. 4 BCE-400 CE. The semester is divided into five units: the historical Jesus, Paul, Patristics, Asceticism & Heresy, and Early Christian Rome. Other themes include: women, angels, sacred space, martyrdom and sanctity.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/24/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will contemplate the historiographical traditions which inform current scholarly debate on early Christian history.
2. Students will demonstrate lively interaction of textual and material evidence.
3. Students will learn interdisciplinary and theoretical paradigms.
4. Students will learn to read various primary texts as highly discursive narratives designed to solidify the religious and political ideologies of the present rather than to recount the objective story of the past.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted