

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

128

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

MODERN CHRISTIANITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to modern Christianity in the period that stretches roughly from the Protestant Reformation to the present, exploring the reasons why Christianity has been such an extraordinarily successful, pervasive, and often maligned religion. The course examines the social, cultural, and intellectual bases of its authority, taking a historical approach to the question of what Christianity is and has been in the early modern and modern world. Students learn that there is no singular definition of Christianity; rather, this religion has been the site of perpetual conflict both between its members and between its members and its enemies. The course explores the universal tenets that exist throughout all denominations of Christianity, as well as the radical disagreements that have stemmed from the various interpretations of those tenets. It analyzes the ways in which Christianity has interacted with deep-seated patterns of domination and inequality such as physical force, sexuality and gender, and wealth and poverty. It examines how Christianity has coped with threats to its authority, with attention to the impact of the Enlightenment, the challenges posed by the emergence of modern states and nations, and the phenomenon of secularization.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

4AAT1030

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Host Institution Campus

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Theology & Religious Studies

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