

Certificate in Christian Studies

WINTER 2009

History & Literature of the Bible (XREL 110-3)

The text of the Bible is best read and understood as a complete work of ancient literature, and this course is an introductory exploration of the historical context and literary styles of the Old and New Testaments. Students explore such topics as the original languages, modern translations, narratives, poetry, wisdom, law, prophecy, gospels, parables, letters, and the apocalypse, in order to learn to thoughtfully read the Bible without the aid of other reference works.

This course is foundational to other Biblical study.

History of the Christian Church (XREL 112-3)

This course sketches the history of the Christian religion, with particular emphasis on its church institutions, doctrines and organization, and their influence on women and men of faith, from the first century to the present day. The general emphasis throughout the course is on broad exposure to the world of the Christian church, its common people, and their relationship to the larger socio-political world.

SCHEDULE 2009

**History & Literature of
the Bible**
Tue/Thu
Jan 6 - Mar 5/09
7:00pm - 9:30pm
With: Mark Wessner, PhD
REGISTER BY: Dec 20/08
\$395.00

**History of the Christian
Church**
Mon/Wed
Jan 12 - Mar 11/09
6:30pm - 9:00pm
With: Neil Lettinga, PhD
REGISTER BY: Dec 20/08
\$395.00