TITLE: Foundations of the Christian Story
TERM: Fall 2021-2022

PROFESSOR: Kenneth Woo
CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: UNLIMITED X
# AUDITORS: 5

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course surveys the history of Christianity from the late first century to the eve of the Reformation. Doctrinal and ecclesial developments will be considered within wider cultural contexts, with special attention to different ways of interpreting the biblical witness to Christ and life in Christ, and how they contribute to a shared, yet dynamic, Christian theological heritage.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:
Students will be able to describe key figures and events of early and medieval Christianity within their cultural and political contexts. Students will be able to discuss theological issues that shaped, and continue to shape, Christian faith and traditions. Students will gain a historical framework for understanding the development of Christian doctrine, practices, and institutions that will prepare them for further theological study.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:
Required:
- Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, *Holy Teaching: Introducing the Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Brazos, 2005) 978-1587430350, $30.00
- Other texts provided online (MYPTS)

Recommended:
- Patricia Cox Miller, *Women in Early Christianity: Translations from Greek Texts* (Catholic University of America, 2005) 978-0813214177, $34.95
- Frances Young, *From Nicaea to Chalcedon*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2010) 978-0801039157, $33.47

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:
Class participation and reading reflections (15%); Three short papers (20% each); Final exam (25%)

ATTENDANCE: Required