TITLE: Foundations of the Christian Story  
TERM: Fall 2020-2021

PROFESSOR: Kenneth Woo  
CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: UNLIMITED  
# 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:  
- Athanasius of Alexandria, *On the Incarnation*. (St Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1993) 978-0881414271, $17.00  
- Other texts provided online (MYPTS)

Recommended:  
- Kevin Madigan, *Medieval Christianity* (Yale, 2015) 978-0300216776, $23.06  
- Patricia Cox Miller, *Women in Early Christianity: Translations from Greek Texts* (Catholic University of America, 2005) 978-0813214177, $34.95  

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

ATTENDANCE: Required