

## ST7414-1 Augustine and Augustinianism (3)

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Classes meet Tuesdays 08:30-11:20

### I. Course Description

The context, teaching, and influence of Bishop Augustine of Hippo: his historical setting in Roman North Africa at the end of Antiquity, some of his most important writings, and major traditions of Augustinianism in Christian and world history.

PhD participants may register this course as 0.5 unit (7000 or 8000 level code) or 1 unit (9000 level code). 7.5 hours of supervision will be given throughout the semester for PhD participants who register as 1 unit.

### II. Course Objective

1. Students will be introduced to Augustine and Augustinianism in depth. 2. Students will think theologically and philosophically, systematically and contextually, in tracing Augustine's life, insights, achievements, mistakes, and legacy in Christian thought and society. 3. Students will gain experience reading difficult texts.

### III. Textbooks

#### - Required Books

Peter Brown, *Augustine of Hippo: A Biography* (read for 'enjoyment' and background).  
Allan D. Fitzgerald, ed., *Augustine through the Ages: an Encyclopedia*, selections ("quoted").  
Augustine, *Confessions*.  
Augustine, *City of God*, selections.  
Augustine, *On Christian Doctrine*.  
Augustine, *Enchiridion on Faith, Hope, and Love*.

#### - Recommended Books

John M. Rist, *Augustine: Ancient Thought Baptized*.  
Carol Harrison, *Augustine: Christian Truth and Fractured Humanity*.

### IV. Course Requirements & Grading

10% Quality in-class participation.  
10% Discussion questions for each session's reading, when not presenting.  
20% total Students will alternate delivering seminar-style in-class presentations on the day's reading, format to be negotiated.  
60% Analysis papers, of about 1,000 words each, on major topics in Augustine after we have concluded major readings, and one of the student's choosing.

### V. Weekly Schedule & Assignments

Sess-ion	Topic	Presentation	Presenter	Background / Assignment
2/23	Welcome, Orientation		TW	Brown preface

	Setting	"Augustine: A Voice for All Generations"	TW	Confessions introduction
3/8	Beginnings	Confessions book 1		Brown chapters 1-4; "Life, Culture, and Controversies of Augustine"
		Confessions book 2		
		Confessions book 3		
3/15	Manichaeism	Confessions book 4		Brown chs 5-8, "Women"
		Confessions book 5		
	Fourth-Century Catholicism	Confessions book 6		
3/22	Neoplatonism	Confessions book 7		Brown chs 9-13
		Confessions book 8		
	Conversion	Confessions book 9		
3/29	Ongoing Struggle	Confessions book 10		Brown chs 14-21, "Confessiones"
	Into Leadership	Presentation: Donatism	TW	
	Confessions	Discussion: Donatism	N/A	"Discipline"
4/5	Biblical Interpretation	On Christian Doctrine prologue and book 1		Brown chs 22-23, "Sign", "Doctrina Christiana, de"
		On Christian Doctrine book 2		
	Signification and Allegory	On Christian Doctrine book 3		
4/12	Inquiry	Confessions book 11		"Virtue," "Preaching"
	Teaching	Confessions book 12		
		Confessions book 13		
4/19	Homiletics	On Christian Doctrine book 4		Brown ch 24
		Presentation: Allegory	TW	
		Discussion: Interpretation	N/A	<i>Confessions assignment due</i>
4/26	City of God	City of God: book 1 chapters P-3, 33-36; book 2 chapters 2-3, 21, 29; book 3 chapters 1, 31		Brown chs 25-27, "Civitate Dei, de"
		City of God: book 4 chapters 3-4; book 5 chapters P-1, 15-17, 21; book 7 chapter P; book 8 chapters 1, 4; book 10 chapters 1-3, 6-7		
		City of God: book 10 chapter 32; book 11 chapters 1, 9, 11; book 12 chapters 1-2, 8, 23, 28 (last paragraph); book 13 chapters 13-15		

5/3	City of God	City of God: book 14 chapters 1, 6, 11-16, 28; book 15 chapters 1-2, 4-5		
		City of God: book 15 chapters 6-7, 21; book 16 chapters 10, 17, 42; book 17 chapter 16; book 18 chapters 1-2, 22, 51		
		City of God: book 19 chapters 4-7, 12-13, 17, 21, 24, 26; book 22 chapters 1, 24, 29-30		<i>Interpretation assignment due</i>
5/10	Augustinian Doctrine	Enchiridion chs 1-23		Brown chs 28-31, "War," "Pelagius, Pelagianism"
		Enchiridion chs 24-41		
		Enchiridion chs 42-63		
5/17	Augustinian Doctrine	Enchiridion chs 64-83		Brown chs 32-36, "Fifth Century"
		Enchiridion chs 84-106		
		Enchiridion chs 107-122		
5/24	Trajectories: Medieval	Gregory I, "Carolingian Era, Early," "Carolingian Era, Late," "Political Augustinianism"		
	Trajectories: Scholastic	Scholasticism, Early, "Anselm," "Thomas Aquinas," "Scholasticism, Late"		
	Trajectories: Lutheran	Luther, Martin, "Reformation, Augustinianism in the"		<i>Society assignment due</i>
5/31	Trajectories: Reformed	Councils of Orange, "Calvin, John"		
	Trajectories: Early Modernity	Renaissance to Enlightenment, "Kierkegaard," "Political Thought"		
	Trajectories: Late Modernity	"Heidegger, Martin," "Theology, Modern"		
6/7	Paper Presentations			<i>Final assignment due</i>

## VI. Policies and Attendance

In order for the student to get credit, he/she has to attend more than 3/4 of the classes.

- TTGU offers total 15 weeks of classes (out of 16 weeks) per semester. If a student misses 4 or more classes out of 15 classes, the student will receive an F.

- Absences for the following reasons may be regarded exceptional with handing in the Report of Absence to the teaching professor (the form needs a seal from the Academic/Admissions Office before it goes to the professor). However, if the total number of absences including the following cases is 1/3 of the classes or more, the student will receive an F.

1. Death of Grandparents, parents, spouse or parents-in-law, siblings, or children – up to 1 week

2. Call up for military service – up to 3 days
3. When a student participates in TTGU's special event with the approval of the Dean of Academic Programs – for the number of days the Dean of Academic Programs approves
4. Natural disaster
5. Traffic Accident / Hospitalization

● **Minimum Passing Grade**

- D- (60 or over) is the minimum passing grade for M.Div./M.T.S students
- C- (74 or over) for M.A./M.Ed./M.W.C.M./Th.M. students
- B (87 or over) for Ph.D. students
- P for P/NP courses

● **Final Due Date Policy**

ALL WORK (papers, reports, readings, exams, etc.) should be complete and be submitted until the official end of the semester – which is **Sat. June 11**. Any work submitted after the due date must come through the Academic Office where you will fill in a form to explain why the assignment is late. This form and the handed in assignment will be delivered to the professor by the Academic Office.

The institutional standard point reduction for Spring 2016 is 20% for that work (20 points out of 100) if the work is submitted by **Wednesday, June 15**, and 30% if submitted by **Friday June 17**. **ABSOLUTELY NO WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER June 17** (strictly enforced other than in cases when 'Incomplete' grades could be given: i) Death of grandparents, parents, spouse or parents-in-law, siblings, children, ii) Traffic accidents, serious illness which needs hospitalization, iii) English PhD program classes, and iv) Practicum classes of the Christian Counseling Department - all with the approval of the Dean of Academic programs, applicable only in the case when 3/4 or more of class attendance has been recognized. I (Incomplete) grades cannot be given to modular classes or for fall semester courses of graduating candidates).

## **VII. Academic Integrity Policy**

The faculty and administration of Torch Trinity take academic integrity very seriously and will not tolerate cheating (on exams and quizzes) or plagiarism. All cases of cheating or plagiarism must be reported to the Dean of Chapel and Student Life and informed to the Dean of Academic Programs, and if necessary, further investigated. The Student Life & Scholarship Committee determines guilt or innocence according to a rigorous procedure. The following are the administrative actions prescribed by the faculty for those caught cheating or plagiarizing:

### **1. Administrative Actions for Cheating**

**A. For the first offense of cheating** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) An automatic "F" letter grade for the class.
- 2) The student offender will meet with the Dean of Chapel and Student Life and sign an Acknowledgement of Integrity Infraction form.
- 3) The student offender will not be considered for merit scholarships and TSMS scholarships from the following semester.

**B. For the second offense of cheating** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the student will be permanently dismissed from the school.

## 2. Administrative Actions for Plagiarism

A. **For the first offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) An automatic "F" letter grade for the paper. Rewriting is not permitted.
- 2) Student should re-read the article (Chang, Steven S. H. "The Problem of Plagiarism: A guide for Students and Educators of Theology" TTJ 8, no. 1 (Nov. 2005): 201-218 [downloadable from TTGU website], and write a paper on "Plagiarism and Christian Ministry" of about 750 words or 3 pages double-spaced.

B. **For the second offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) A permanent "F" letter grade for the entire course. Retaking the course will not replace the "F" grade. The failed course and the retaken course grades will both be calculated in the student's cumulative grade point average.
- 2) The student offender will not be considered for merit scholarships and TSMS scholarships from the following semester.
- 3) For the PhD program, for the second offense of plagiarism during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the offending student is permanently dismissed from the school.

C. **For the third offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the offending student is permanently dismissed from the school.

\* For each offence mentioned above, a copy of the Acknowledgement of Integrity Infraction form signed by the offender will be placed in the student's permanent file and the record should be kept at the Office of Chapel and Student Life.

\* The student guilty of first-time cheating or second-time plagiarism may not be eligible for recognition of merit at graduation.

\* The student offender will be automatically removed from any official position, such as student council leadership, chapel worship team, etc. for at least one semester.

Note: The faculty and administration have decided to require that all student papers be submitted to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) as of Fall 2007.

"I acknowledge that I have read and accept the TTGU Academic Integrity Covenant and will abide by the provisions and penalties therein."