

Faculty of Theology



THEO1281 History of Christianity: the Contemporary Period

[45h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Jean-Pierre Delville
Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- situate the principal chronological markers of the history of Christianity from the beginning of the 19th century;
- explain the challenges the ideological movements of the 19th and 20th centuries represented to the Church;
- make proper use of the the work instruments of the historian.

Main themes

To meet these objectives, the course covers the following:

- the relations of the Church with the contemporary world (19th - 21st century)
- the evolution of ecclesiastical institutions and the role of individuals and groups;
- the evolution of the mentalities, practices and languages of the Christian faith; universalisation and regionalisation of Christianity.
- an introduction to the use of the work instruments of the historian of that period.

Content and teaching methods

This lecture tackles the following elements and goes further into some of them : the consequences of the French Revolution and on the Church, the Concordate of Napoleon, the liberal current of Lamennais, the Council Vatican I, the social movement with Leo XIII, the modernism, the birth of the Catholic Action, the communist, fascist and Nazi nationalisms, the theological and pastoral renewal which leads to Vatican II, and the characteristics of the Pontificate of John-Paul II.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

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Other credits in programs

HIST13BA Troisième année de bachelier en histoire (3 credits)