First-Year Exams  
Ph.D. Program in Historical Theology

At the conclusion of the first year of study, Ph.D. students will be examined in each of the three historical periods: early, medieval, and modern. The following bibliographies, each of which includes approximately 2000 pages of primary text and a selection of secondary texts, will provide the basis for each exam.

The purpose of the first-year exams is three-fold, to assess students’ familiarity with:

1) the major historical and theological issues, events, and figures of each period,
2) the broad historical and theological themes that bring cohesion to each period and separate one period from the next,
3) the historiographical tradition associated with each period of study.

Each exam will be developed by the instructor(s) of the relevant survey course and will consist of three questions (one touching on a theological theme presented by the various texts listed below, one dealing with an issue of historiography appropriate to the period, and one to be crafted at the discretion of the instructor(s)).

Students will have a total of two hours within which to respond to their choice of two of the three questions for each of the three periods. Hence, the length of the entire exam is six hours, which can be divided up over one work week (five days). First-year exams must be scheduled in the second or third week of April.
EARLY CHRISTIANITY BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Primary Texts

Apocryphon of John.

Didache.

Ignatius of Antioch, Letters

Epistle of Barnabas

Justin Martyr, First Apology

Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity

Origen, On First Principles

Irenaeus, Against Heresies (selections)

Tertullian, Commentary on the Our Father

Eusebius of Caesarea, Church History

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**Cyprian, On the Unity of the Catholic Church**

**Ephrem the Syrian, Hymns on Paradise**

**Evagrius of Pontus, Praktikos.**

**Athanasius, On the Incarnation**

**Athanasius, The Life of Antony of Egypt**

**Diodore of Tarsus, Commentary on the Psalms, preface**

**Dionysius the Areopagite, The Divine Names and Mystical Theology**

**Augustine, Confessions**

**Ambrose, De fide ad Gratianum**

**Ambrose, Expositio de psalmo CXVIII**

**Jerome, Letter 22 to Eustochium**

**Jerome, On the Perpetual Virginity of the Blessed Mary against Helvidius**
**Gregory of Nyssa, *Life of Macrina***

**Gregory of Nyssa, *An Address on Religious Instruction***

**Gregory Nazianzen, *Theological Orations and Letters on the Apollinarian Controversy***

**Cyril of Alexandria, Selections (Against Nestorius, *An Explanation of the Twelve Chapters*)***

**Documents relating to the councils of Nicaea I, Constantinople I, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Constantinople II, and Constantinople III***

**Gregory the Great, *Selected Letters***
NPNF second series, vol. 13, pp. 1-111

**Maximus the Confessor, *The Four Hundred Chapters on Love***

**Scholarship (for consultation)**


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MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY BIBLIOGRAPHY

Primary Texts


Boethius. The Trinity is One God Not Three Gods:
http://www.ccel.org/ccel/boethius/trinity.html


Urban II. *Sermon at the Council of Clermont Calling for the First Crusade*: [http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/urban2-5vers.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/urban2-5vers.html)


**Secondary Texts**


MODERN CHRISTIANITY BIBLIOGRAPHY

Primary Texts


John Foxe. Actes and Monuments. London, 1800 [Book I (entire) and Book II (chapters 1-8)].

Greer, Allan. The Jesuit Relations: Natives and Missionaries in Seventeenth Century North America. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2000 [Introduction and Chapter 1 (pp. 1-36)]


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Martin Luther. “On the Bondage of the Will.” Erasmus and Luther.


Secondary Texts


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