

Faith Program

COURSE SYLLABUS

HIS 103 – Post Chalcedon and the Islamic Era
WINTER 2010 FRIDAY, 6 – 7:15 PM
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a course that will take you through a time period of very interesting events from our church history. We will study together from the time of the Council of Chalcedon to the Mohammed Ali period.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, you should be able to:

- Know the events of our church history during a period of unrest and persecution.
- Understand the different events that strengthened our faith.
- Demonstrate competence in applying your understanding of course material in answering specific questions that your peers or teachers may ask you.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Post Chalcedon and Islamic Era Booklet – Servants' Preparation Program. Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States (provided with this syllabus)

B. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. **In class quizzes:** Due during classes; 40% of final grade.
2. **Final Exam:** March 5, 2010; 60% of final grade. A comprehensive final will be given covering materials from the lectures primarily.

C. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

- a. In class Quizzes: Each class will include timed quizzes that will be due at the end of the time allocated.
2. Final Examination:
 - a. This will be a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions. The test will cover all material from the lectures primarily but may also test a general understanding of the concepts in the readings.
3. In order to pass this course, you need to earn an overall grade of not less than 75%.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT, AND REQUIRED READINGS

SESSION I Feb. 5th, 2010

- Overview of course and assignments
- The Situation after Chalcedon
- The Henoticon
- The Church of Alexandria in the reign of Justinian I
- The second council of Constantinople
- The Church of Alexandria after the Justinian Era
- The invasion of the Persians

SESSION 2 Feb. 12th, 2010

- The Arab Conquest
- The centuries from the seventh to the tenth
- The Fatimid Era

SESSION 3 Feb. 19th, 2010

- The Crusades
- The Turkish Era

SESSION 4 Feb. 26th, 2010

- The French Expedition
- Mohammed Ali
- Review

SESSION 5 March 5th, 2010 (Final Examination)