



## **Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit**

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# History of Christianity

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Course Code	G_BATRSPC108
Credits	6
Period	P5
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. M.G.K. van Veen
Examiner	prof. dr. M.G.K. van Veen
Teaching Staff	prof. dr. M.G.K. van Veen
Teaching method(s)	Seminar, Lecture

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## Course Objective

After having completed this course the student has an overview of the impact Christianity has had on European culture. The main goal of this course is to obtain knowledge.

After this course the student is able to summarize how

- Christianity managed to obtain a secure position in the Roman Empire
- Christianity shaped medieval thought
- the reformation forced Europeans to rethink church-state relationships as well as concepts like unity and diversity
- the Enlightenment provoked believers to debate the core of Christianity
- the rise of the Nation State forced churches to rethink their role in history and to rethink their contributions to national identity
- modernity challenges traditional beliefs

Students are also able to summarize how European culture influenced the development of christian identity.

## Course Content

This course is an introduction in the history of christianity. It's focus will be on cultural history and on the influence of christian thought and practices on European culture and vice-versa.

## Teaching Methods

Tutorial

## Method of Assessment

Exam or take-home exam