COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE NUMBER: RS 308.DCA2  COURSE TITLE: Politics and Christianity

TERM: Fall 2008  COURSE TIME: Wednesday Evenings—6:00-10:00 pm—10/1-10/29

ROOM: TBA  COURSE CREDITS: 3 credit hrs.--classroom

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT
In accordance with the Policy on Academic Honesty and Integrity in the College Catalog, students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero on the test or assignment. Instructors will further determine appropriate action in response to the violation of academic integrity.

DISABILITY STATEMENT
If you have a disability which may require special consideration, you should notify the professor. This should be accomplished no later than the second class meeting. If you should need accommodations for successful participation in class activities, you should offer information in writing to the Dean of Student Affairs which includes suggestions for assistance in participating in and completing class assignments. It is not necessary to disclose the nature of your disability.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: None

OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES
The student will develop an understanding of the Christian Church’s history from its inception to the present especially in relationship to the so-called Holy Roman Empire and its present associations with both secular and religious states world wide.

The student will develop a basic knowledge of the American system of ‘Separation of Church and State’ and the attacks upon it by both the political left and political right.

The student will develop a working knowledge of the means by which the Church and State can work in the same arena—the world without co-opting either system.

The student will develop and articulate arguments for and against major political issues in America today using models of Church State relationships that are Biblically based and Theologically sound.

The Student will learn by experience in discussion and debate what it means to be both Christian and citizen of the world.
GRADING SYSTEM
3.50 to 4.0+ equals A
3.25 to 3.49 equals B+
3.00 to 3.24 equals B
2.50 to 2.99 equals C+
2.00 to 2.49 equals C
1.01 to 1.99 equals D
1.00 or less equals F

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
The student will read the assigned pages in the textbook or articles for discussion on the designated day for discussion.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE ENTERED INTO THE DAILY DISCUSSION IN CLASS.

THE STUDENT WILL ATTEND CLASS REGULARLY—25 % OF THE GRADE WILL DEPEND UPON ATTENDANCE. GRADING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

0    classes missed without excuse—4.0
1    classes missed without excuse—2.0
2    classed missed without excuse—0

THE STUDENT WILL HAND IN 5 QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON Biblical Amnesia—due at the beginning of Class 10/08. This will be considered 25 % of the student’s grade.

THE STUDENT WILL COMPLETE AN 6-8 PAGE PAPER ON SOME ASPECT OF CHRISTIANITY AND THE POLITICAL PROCESS—50 % OF THE GRADE.

COURSE SCHEDULE—required readings plus issues of politics Christianity give in class

10/01    Introductory;
10/08    Gustafson, Biblical Amnesia
10/15    Yoder, The Politics of Jesus, Chapters 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11
10/22    Hot button issues to be decided on 10/08
10/29    Hot button issues to be decided on 10/08

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


A Bible
**AUXILIARY TEXTS**


**NOVELS**

