

COURSE SYLLABUS

Augustine and Medieval Theology

Course Lecturer: Scott T. Carroll, PhD

Former Professor of Ancient History at Cornerstone University

Course Description

Augustine is one of the most influential theologians in church history. His teachings have shaped the thinking of Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and Barth. In this course, learners study a comprehensive introduction to Augustine; his life, his works, and his legacy in the medieval church. The course details his youth, conversion, literary works, and his battles against the day's emerging heresies. Surveying Augustine's life as a pastor, teacher, and writer, students are encouraged to evaluate his contribution to the development of medieval theology and to apply those contributions to their own lives and ministries.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Express an appreciation for the value of historical theology as it relates to ministry.
- Understand Augustine's unique place in the history of the church.
- Analyze the most important writings of Augustine.
- Synthesize the major theological contributions of Augustine.
- Explain the various theological battles Augustine faced in his work.
- Describe Augustine's life as a pastor, teacher, and writer.
- Apply lessons from Augustine to current ministry contexts.
- Evaluate Augustine's contribution to the development of Medieval theology.

Course Lecturer



Scott T. Carroll, PhD

Education:

- Miami University, PhD
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, MA
- Tennessee Temple University, BA
- Studies at Hebrew Union College

Teaching Career:

- Professor of Ancient History, Cornerstone University (2000-2010), specializing in ancient and classical studies, archaeology, and codicology
- Professor in Ancient and Early Church History, Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (1988-1994)
- Professor in Comparative Religion, Grand Valley State University
- Instructor or teaching fellow at various schools while completing his PhD work, including Miami University, St. Joseph College, and Xavier University
- Lectured and presented material at Azusa Pacific University, Cedarville College, and Salem State University
- Led students at both Gordon-Conwell and Cornerstone University on trips to the Mediterranean world

Other Career Highlights:

- Founder and director of Scriptorium Center for Christian Antiquities, a joint project with Hampton Court Herefordshire, United Kingdom
- Master of numerous languages including Akkadian, Aramaic, Classical Egyptian, Coptic, Ge'ez, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and Syriac
- Director of archaeological excavations in Egypt
- Consultant for national media outlets
- Regular speaker at churches

Publications:

- Author of numerous articles, book reviews, and chapters for several books and scholarly journals
- Among his published periodicals are *Christian Scholars Review*, *The American Journal of Philology*, and the *Journal of Hellenic Studies*
- Extensive contributor to the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*
- Coauthor of *Customs and Manners in Bible Times*

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Brown, Peter. *Augustine of Hippo*. New edition. California: University of California Press, 2000.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.