# History of Contemporary Christianity (Semester 1; 6 ECTS)

## Prof. Raffaella Perin

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*Christianity and politics. Churches and the challenge of modernity*

The course aims to introduce the main topics of the relationship between Christianity and politics between the 19th and the 20th century. It will present and discuss a selection of works by Italian and international historians and intellectuals who marked the study of the history of contemporary Christianity. At the end of the course, students will have acquired knowledge of the historical events related to the life of Christian Churches during the 19th and the 20th centuries, and the main historiographic currents of contemporary Christianity.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Christian churches and secularisation

* Churches and modern freedoms
* Christianity and totalitarianisms
* Churches, war, and peace
* The turning point of the Council
* Christianity and democracy
* Christianities and globalisation

***READING LIST***

Please see Assessment method and criteria.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures with active participation of students in the reading and interpretation of the sources. The course will be supported by the use of audio and video multimedia tools.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

For attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on

* The study of the textbook *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome 2023 [only the version updated in 2023].
* The study of the *Lecture notes*, including the texts used and introduced in class and made available on Blackboard by the lecturer.

During the oral exam, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the facts, the distinctions, and the key concepts of the history of modern and contemporary Christianity; furthermore, they will have to demonstrate that they can find their way among the issues examined during the course, in the textbook, and in the texts analysed in class.

For non-attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on the following textbooks:

* *Storia del cristianesimo* vol. IV, *L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023. [only the version updated in 2023].
* Giovanni Miccoli, *Il mito della cristianità*, edited by D. Menozzi, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2017.
* Jean Baubérot, *Storia del protestantesimo. Da Lutero al movimento pentecostale*, Claudiana, Turin, 2018, only p. 67-107.

During the oral exam, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the information, the distinctions, and the key concepts of the history of modern and contemporary Christianity; furthermore, they will have to demonstrate that they can find their way among the topics and the issues examined in the textbook and the single-subject volumes.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

There are no prerequisites for attending the course.

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# History of Contemporary Christianity (Semester 2; 6 ECTS)

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*The Catholic Church and anti-Semitism: from the ghetto to the Jewish-Christian dialogue*

The course aims to provide students with the best methodologies to carry out a critical reading of the sources concerning the relationship between Jews and Catholics from the Modern era to the present day. At the end of the course, students will be able to examine, using a critical historical methodology, the different types of sources, and develop their knowledge of the international historiography on the Catholic anti-Semitic prejudice, the behaviour adopted by the Catholic Church towards anti-Semitism and the Shoah, and the transformation of the relationship between Christianity and Judaism brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course will study the relationship between the Catholic Church and Jews from the Modern era to the present day. Through the illustration of the different historiographic currents and the critical historical analysis of the sources, the course will retrace the milestones that have characterised the relationship between Catholics and Jews: from anti-Judaism to (Catholic) anti-Semitism, from the behaviour adopted by the Holy See towards the racial laws of the 1920s and the 1930s to the policy of Pope Pius XII during World War II, from the Second Vatican Council to the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

***READING LIST***

Please see Assessment method and criteria.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures with active participation of students in the reading and interpretation of the sources. The course will be supported by the use of audio and video multimedia tools.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

For attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on:

* The *Lecture notes*, including the teaching material (articles, documents, images, and videos) made available by the lecturer in digital format.
* The study of the textbook Th. Kaufmann, *Gli ebrei di Lutero*, Claudiana, Turin, 2016.
* The writing of a paper of 10,000 characters maximum (including spaces) based on a textbook selected with the lecturer. At the beginning of the course, the lecturer will provide a list of readings concerning the relationship between Christians and Jews during the contemporary age, from which students will be allowed to choose according to their interests and curiosity.

During the oral exam, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the information, the distinctions, and the key concepts of the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; furthermore, they will have to demonstrate that they can find their way among the topics and the issues examined duing the course and the single-subject volumes, and join a discussion on the written assignment based on the reading of their choice.

For non-attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on the following textbooks:

* G. Miccoli, *I dilemmi e i silenzi di Pio XII. Vaticano, Seconda guerra mondiale e Shoah*, Rizzoli, Milan, 2007 (or previous edition).
* G. Miccoli, *Antisemitismo e cattolicesimo*, Morcelliana, Brescia, 2013.
* Th. Kaufmann, *Gli ebrei di Lutero*, Claudiana, Turin, 2016.

During the oral exam, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the information, the distinctions, and the key concepts of the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; furthermore, they will have to demonstrate that they can find their way among the topics and the issues examined during the course and the single-subject volumes.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students should have a basic knowledge of the history of contemporary Christianity that can be achieved attending the semester 1 course.

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# History of Contemporary Christianity (Semester 1 and 2; 12 ECTS)

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

- Semester 1: *Christianity and politics. Churches and the challenge of modernity*

The course aims to introduce the main topics of the relationship between Christianity and politics between the 19th and the 20th century. It will present and discuss a selection of works by Italian and international historians and intellectuals who marked the study of the history of contemporary Christianity. At the end of the course, students will have acquired knowledge of the main historical events related to the life of Christian Churches during the 19th and the 20th centuries, and the main historiographic currents of contemporary Christianity.

- Semester 2: *The Catholic Church and anti-Semitism: from the ghetto to the Jewish-Christian dialogue.* The course aims to provide students with the best methodologies to carry out a critical reading of the sources concerning the relationship between Jews and Catholics from the Modern era to the present day. At the end of the course, students will be able to examine, using a critical historical methodology, the different types of sources, and develop their knowledge of the international historiography on the Catholic anti-Semitic prejudice, the behaviour adopted by the Catholic Church towards anti-Semitism and the Shoah, and the transformation of the relationship between Christianity and Judaism brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Semester 1: Christian churches and secularisation; Churches and modern freedoms; Christianity and totalitarianisms; Churches, war, and peace; The turning point of the Council; Christianity and democracy; Christianities and globalisation.

- Semester 2: The course will study the relationship between the Catholic Church and Jews from the Modern era to the present day. Through the illustration of the different historiographic currents and the critical historical analysis of the sources, the course will retrace the milestones that have characterised the relationship between Catholics and Jews: from anti-Judaism to (Catholic) anti-Semitism, from the behaviour adopted by the Holy See towards the racial laws of the 1920s and the 1930s to the policy of Pope Pius XII during World War II, from the Second Vatican Council to the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

***READING LIST***

Please see Assessment method and criteria.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures with active participation of students in the reading and interpretation of the sources. The course will be supported by the use of audio and video multimedia tools.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

For attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on:

* The study of the textbook *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome 2023 [only the version updated in 2023].
* The study of the *Lecture notes*, including the texts used and introduced in class and made available on Blackboard by the lecturer.
* During semester 2, students will have to write a paper of 10,000 characters maximum (including spaces) based on a textbook that they can choose, according to their interests and curiosity, from a list of titles concerning the relationship between Christians and Jews during the contemporary age; the textbook must be previously approved by the lecturer.

During the oral exam, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the information, the distinctions, and the key concepts of the history of the relationship between Christians and Jews; furthermore, they will have to demonstrate that they can find their way among the topics and the issues examined during the course and the single-subject volumes, and join a discussion on the written assignment based on the reading of their choice.

For non-attending students, the assessment will consist in an oral exam based on the following textbooks:

* *Storia del cristianesimo vol. IV, L’età contemporanea (secoli XIX-XXI)*, edited by Giovanni Vian, Carocci, Rome, 2023 [only the version updated in 2023].
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