

HI202 History of Christianity – Midterm Exam Study Guide

The Midterm will be a 75 minute exam covering all of the material covered in class up to that point, and all of the textbook reading from Volume 1.

The Midterm will contain two parts. The first part will be objective short answer. The second will be short essay. Below you have been given an answer sheet for the objective short answer questions and a list of possible essay questions.

I suggest you study from general to specific. In other words, start by reviewing the major events and major people and then branch out to the accompanying events and other people. Start with the big picture and then move to the details.

The exam will not just test your memorization of information, but your grasp of the concepts. Therefore, always ask the connections of people and events. “What caused this event?”, “Why did they do that?”, “What was the result of this event?”, “What is the impact/legacy of this person?” etc. Take into account social/political forces, but especially look at theological/ideological forces including the writings left by these people and their impact.

I suggest you review your class notes (the PowerPoint presentations are on the course website) and Gonzalez book, using the organizations highlighted there.

Below are the possible essay questions. The test will ask one or more of these questions. You won’t know which one(s) until the exam.

1. Describe the variety of ways that the early church responded to pagan culture, and the long-term result of each approach.
2. Describe the causes and long-term results of persecution against Christians.
3. Describe the contributions of the early apologists.
4. Describe the impacts of Constantine on the church – both the immediate and long-term results.
5. Describe the Arian controversy and how the church responded.
6. Describe the life and contribution of Athanasius.
7. Describe the Christological controversies, why they mattered, and the response of the church.
8. Describe the teaching and long-term impact of Augustine.
9. Describe the various forms of monasticism and their long-term impact on the church.
10. Describe how the eastern church was different from the western church.
11. Describe the successes and the failures of the medieval church, concentrating on the papacy.
12. Describe the various movements of reform in the medieval church and their long-term impact.
13. Describe the key teachers and doctrines of the medieval church.

Below are all of the correct answers for the short answer objective portion of the exam. I will provide an unmarked copy of this answer sheet with your exam.

Herod the Great	Julian	Cistercian
Syncretism	Homoousios	Bernard of Clairvaux
Platonism	Homoiousios	Leo IX
Nero	Basil the Great	Second Lateran Council
Tertullian	Gregory of Nazianzus	Concordat of Worms
Policies of Trajan	Council of	Urban II
Ignatius of Antioch	Constantinople	Saladin
Justin Martyr	Ambrose of Milan	Reconquista
Logos	John Chrysostom	Crusades
Gnosticism	Jerome	Templars
Marcion	Vulgate	Mendicants
The Apostles Creed	Augustine of Hippo	Francis of Assisi
Canon	Just War Theory	Dominic
Apostolic Succession	Pelagian	Scholasticism
Two Hands of God	City of God	Anselm of Canterbury
Clement of Alexandria	Diatessaron	Peter Lombard
Origen of Alexandria	Byzantine Empire	Bonaventure
Cyprian	Vandals	Thomas Aquinas
Apocryphal Gospels	Charlemagne	Hundred Years War
Communion Service	Iona	The Great Plague
Baptism	Benedict of Nursia	Boniface
Catechumenate	Divine Office	Avignon
Diocletian	The Rule	Simony
Eusebius of Ceasarea	Papacy	Nepotism
Constantine	Leo the Great	Conciliar Movement
Edict of Milan	Hagia Sophia	John Wycliffe
Battle of Milvian Bridge	Gregory the Great	John Huss
“New Rome”	Muhammad	Savonarola
Paganism	Nestorius	Mysticism
Basilica	Council of Chalcedon	John Duns Scotus
Monastic Movement	Monophysites	William of Occam
Celibacy	Iconoclasts	Renaissance
Anchorite	John of Damascus	Johan Guttenberg
Anthony	Coptic Church	Borgia popes
Cenobitic	Vladimir of Kiev	Ferdinand and Isabella
Pachomius	The Third Rome	Claver
Abbots	Filioque	Vasco de Gama
Donatist	Theodulf	Francis Xavier
Arius	Feudalism	Roberto di Nobili
Eusebius of Nicomedia	John Scotus Erigena	Matteo Ricci
Nicene Creed	Norsemen	
Athanasius	Cluny	