



Iona School for Ministry

The Episcopal Church
Middler
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Class Objectives

In (or after taking) this class, students will:

- Understand the dynamics in the colonial and early Episcopal Church
- Articulate the political and cultural dynamics of the Civil War era and how they impacted the Episcopal Church
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the major theological and liturgical movements in the Episcopal Church
- Articulate the political and cultural dynamics of the post-World War II era in America and how they impacted the Episcopal Church
- Describe the general narrative and themes of the Episcopal Church's history in Texas

To demonstrate meeting these objectives, students will:

- Take exam
 - 5 short answer questions
 - 1 essay (no more than 700 words)
- Participate fully in class

Class Description

This course will familiarize students with the major elements of the history of the Episcopal Church from the colonial era to the present. The lectures and subsequent discussions will focus primarily on the times of greatest conflict in the history of the Episcopal Church, especially the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the modernist movement, and the current era. A special section will be devoted to the history of the Episcopal Church in Texas. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through participation in class discussions and an exam (five short answer questions and one short essay).

Class Schedule

- I. Welcome and General Overview of the Episcopal Church
- II. The Early Episcopal Church
- III. The Crisis of the 1850s, the Civil War, and Reconstruction
- IV. The Turn of the Century and the World Wars
- V. The Culture Wars and 20th Century America
- VI. Addendum: The Church in Texas