

CODE: THO 6392	TITLE:	Sources for the Study of the Early History of the Church of Kyiv, X – XIII Century (History of Eastern Christian Institutions, Movements, Persons)
CREDITS: 3 cr.	3 cr.	
SESSION: Winter 2011	PROFESSOR:	Andrew T. Onuferko

DESCRIPTION	<p>The evangelization of a people and development of a local Church make for fascinating history. This is especially true for the Church of Kyivan Rus', on the territory of present-day Ukraine. Established in the X century under Prince Volodymyr the Great, the church thrived until the Mongol invasion in the XIII century. In the course of its historical development, the Church of Kyivan Rus' left extraordinary literary records of its ecclesial life and spiritual growth (eg. <i>Tale of Bygone Years</i>, <i>Kyivan Caves Patericon</i>, and others), many of which have become classics of medieval Christian literature. This course will critically examine these literary works, both as sources for the study of Church history and as witnesses to the faith and Christian culture of a people living at the crossroads between Eastern and Western European civilizations.</p>
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop a broader understanding of Early Kyivan Christianity and its significance in the Christianization of Eastern Europe. 2. To examine in detail and critically assess the primary sources of Early Kyivan Church History. 3. To study these sources in reference to particular aspects in the life of the Church: administration, monasticism, development of literary culture, spiritual growth and pastoral life, influence of political history on the life of the Church, etc. 4. To critically evaluate the use of these sources by contemporary Church historians
WORKLOAD	<p>Weekly readings of approximately 50 pages Two written assignments Final oral exam</p>
EVALUATION	<p>Classroom Participation 25% Written Assignments 50% Final written exam 25%</p>
REQUIRED TEXTS	<p>Digital Anthology of source texts from the period of Kyivan Rus' (to be provided). S.SENYK, <i>A History of the Church in Ukraine</i>, Vol. 1: <i>To the End of the Thirteenth Century</i>, "Orientalia Christiana Analecta" 243 (Roma, 1993);</p>
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	<p>Church history-related articles in V. KUBIJOVYC (Ed.), <i>Encyclopedia of Ukraine</i>, Vol. 1-5 (Toronto-Buffalo-London, 1984-1993).</p>