

General Information				
Academic Course	History of ancient Christianity			
Academic Year	2020 - 2021			
Degree Course	Master's Degree in Archaeology			
ECTS credits	6			
Compulsory attendance	The obligation to attend is regulated by art. 4 of the Teaching Regulation			
Language	Italian			
Subject teacher		Name Surname	Mail	
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ECTS credits details		Field of Research	SSD	Number of Credits
		Sources, techniques and implements of the historical research	M-STO/07	6
Class schedule				
Period	First semester			
Year	Second			
Type o	Lectures - Workshops			
Time management				
Hours	150			
In-class study hours	42			
Out of class study hours	108			
Academic Calendar				
Begin				
End				
Classrooms and timelines	https://manageweb.ict.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/disum/calendario-lezioni			
Syllabus				
Prerequisites/requirements	Basic knowledge of the main historical events of the Late Antiquity is required			
Expected learning outcomes (according to Dublin Descriptors)	<p><i>Knowledge and understanding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the textual primary sources and documents referred to the spreading of Christian religion within the Roman empire (I-V A.D.); • Analysing -with a critical method- the literary works written by Christian authors; • Commenting upon the ancient Christian and patristic texts (I-V A.D.), focusing the main themes, the meaningful elements and the formal peculiarities. <p><i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring an analytical research methodology based on critical analysis of the Christian textual sources; 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability to apply the acquired knowledge into interdisciplinary contexts, making historical comparisons with other ancient religious systems; • Interpreting Christian texts critically. <p><i>Making informed judgements and choices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing personal analysis skills through case studies; • Understanding methods and contents of Christian exegesis; • Conveying the acquired knowledge into more composite hermeneutic contexts. <p><i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a rigorous and accurate specialized language; • Elucidating topics, issues and contents with mastery of language and originality to specialist and non-specialist interlocutors; • Stating clearly the results of a case study or a personal research related to some subject matters of the course. <p><i>Capacities to continue learning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to deal critically with main themes and specialized studies on Christianity; • Capacity to interpret and discuss the current research inquires and results with a high level of autonomy.
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main purpose of the course is providing an in-depth knowledge of history of Christianity, in order to explain the forming process of Christian identity and the growth of Christian religion in relation to both paganism and monotheistic religions. • Special attention will be paid both to the main methods of investigation of the history of Christianity and to the ancient primary sources which testify the spreading of Christianity in different geographical areas; the orientations of the studies and the most recent research lines of the historiography relative to the history of Christianity will be highlighted. • The students will be introduced to a direct analysis on literary and hagiographic sources, read and discussed with specific reference to the historical-Christianity information contained; the students will read and analyze literary and hagiographical documents such as the biographies of Christian saints, the Acts of Martyrs, the sermons and the works of the Fathers of the Church. In particular, issues related to forms of confrontation/ conflict between Christians, Jews and Muslims will be discussed.
Course Programme	
Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Simonetti, <i>Il Vangelo e la storia. Il cristianesimo antico</i>

	<p>(<i>secoli I-IV</i>), Carocci, Roma 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Augias-G. Filoramo, <i>Il grande romanzo dei vangeli</i>, Einaudi, Torino 2019.
Notes	Some photocopies of translated texts will be distributed to the attending students.
TeachingMethods	The course is based on an interdisciplinary didactic method, through face to face lectures that are integrated with slides and deepened by workshops. The course also offers some lectures given by experts from different Italian and foreign Universities.
Evaluation Methods	<p>At the end of the course, every student has to take an oral exam, that concerns the topics included in the bibliography and the analyzed primary sources.</p> <p>The scheduled calendar is available on the website of the Degree course. The students must use the online system (Esse3) in order to enroll to the list of candidates for the final exam.</p>
Evaluation criteria (Here it is specified -for each expected learning outcome- what a student has to know or is able to do)	<p>The student has to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know the historical context of the spreading of the Christian religion (from Palestine to Mediterranean basin, from origin to 5th century); • explain the main issues referred to the Christian identity and the growth of Christianity in relation to both paganism and monotheistic religions; • interpret critically the ancient texts (primary sources) related to the Christian origin (I-V A.D.); • know the main field study results produced through the specialized research.
Futher Information	<p>In order to discuss the final thesis in the discipline it is necessary to have attended the lessons given during the course.</p> <p>The topic of the thesis will be agreed with the student following an interview with the Professor, during which the student will be able to illustrate his/her course of study, his/her interests and his/her skills.</p> <p>The students could arrange a meeting with the Professor according to the following timetable, posted on the Professor's page: http://www.uniba.it/docenti/aulisa-immacolata</p> <p>Timeline may vary. Students are advised to check the teacher's page for notices and any time changes.</p>