



University of St. Katherine & Scholé Academy: Dual Enrollment Spring 2019

INT 210 Western Civilization and the Formation of Christendom

- **3 credit hours**
- **Spring 2019: Tuesday, January 22 - Friday, May 17, 2019**
- **Course Schedule: TBA**

Course Description:

This course is a study of the rise of western civilization under the influence of ancient Judaism, classical paganism, and traditional Christianity. Its first part covers the civilizations of Israel, Greece, Rome, the early Church, and Byzantium. It culminates with the Great Schism of 1054. The second part addresses the spectacular rise of medieval Western Europe; the decline and fall of Byzantium; and the civilization of Russia prior to Peter the Great. It culminates with the Protestant Reformation in the west.

This course provides the student with a foundation in the history of early western civilization and emphasizes the role played by traditional Christianity in the formation of that civilization. As such it provides a basis from which to evaluate and interpret the rise of secular patterns of modern civilization, contributing to the college's vision of "inquiry seeking wisdom." Furthermore, since eastern Christians have historically been a minority in the West, this course, by approaching its topic with an eastern Christian point of view in mind, encourages an importantly critical perspective on Western civilization past and present.

- **Instructor: Dcn. David-John Williams, Assistant Professor of History**

Professor David-John Williams received his MA from Royal Holloway, University of London. His research areas include Byzantine relations with the West from 600-1453; Greek Palaeography and Shared Sacred Space. His MA dissertation investigated the contribution of the canons of the Quinisext Council (629) to anti-heretical literature and the schism between the Byzantine and Latin Churches. Recent publications include: "Did The Crusades Change the Byzantine Perception of Holy War?" in *Porphyra*, "Mediterranean Religion", *Duke University* and "Christian Saints as allies of non-Christians". His PhD thesis is entitled, "Shared Sacred Spaces: Saints, Relics and Sacred Objects in the Byzantine Mediterranean."

- **Enrollment fee: \$995 (plus the cost of books)**