

Course ID:	Course Title:	Spring 2020
CH 610	Alliance History and Thought	Prerequisite:
		Credits: 3

Spring week one- BC MODULE

Class Information		Instructor Information		Important Dates	
Days:	Monday - Friday	Instructor:	Ken Draper, PhD	First day of classes:	27 April 2020
Time:	8:30 am-3:30 pm	Email:	kdraper@ambrose.edu	Last day to add/drop, or change to audit:	End of the first day
Room:		Phone:	403-410-2916	Last day to request revised exam:	n/a
Lab/ Tutorial:		Office:	L 2085	Last day to withdraw from course:	1 PM on the 4 th day
		Office Hours:		Last day to apply for coursework extension:	One month before final due date
Final Exam:	n/a			Last day of classes:	1 May 2020

Course Description

A survey of the origins of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in its social, cultural, and theological contexts. The course also examines and evaluates various continuities and changes in C&MA thought and practice.

Further Course Information:

This is a denominational history course. Its task is to orient lay people and people training for vocational ministry within the Alliance to the spiritual, theological and pastoral resources of our denominational heritage. To bring life to denominational history I have used the concept of "living tradition" as mode of both appropriating and critiquing this heritage.

When understood as a living tradition, Alliance history and thought is more than something to be read about in a textbook or studied for an exam. It is who we are, what we teach and preach, and how we live our commitments. We are Alliance because this tradition, expressed by Albert B. Simpson as the Fourfold Gospel, has continually witnessed to the fact that Christ's work has implications for us right now. It calls us to, and empowers us for holiness, it affirms God's interest in the physical as well as the spiritual and it points to the hope of our calling.

Expected Learning Outcomes

1. Nurture theological depth & breadth: To know what you believe and why it matters
Students will understand the theological, spiritual and pastoral approaches of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and its relations to the broader Christian tradition.
2. Cultivate a heart after God: To know God - Father, Son & Holy Spirit - and to love as God loves
Students will engage with the spiritual resources of the Alliance tradition and explore the contribution of the tradition in inspiring a life of communion with God and love of neighbour.
3. Foster vocational clarity & effectiveness: To know who you are and what you are to do
Students will evaluate the pastoral resources of the Alliance tradition as a source of empowerment to serve effectively in the place where their deep joy and the world's deep need meet.
4. Inspire redemptive action: To know God's mission and to live it fully
Students will be invited to integrate the resources of the Alliance tradition into a life of ministry engaging whole-heartedly wherever God leads them.

Textbooks

















Required

1. Kenneth L. Draper, "Readings in Alliance History and Thought," (Ambrose, 2009).
2. Lindsay Reynolds, *Rebirth: The Redevelopment of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*, (Willowdale: Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1992).
3. A.B. Simpson, *The Fourfold Gospel*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1984).

Books for Review Assignment

1. A.B. Simpson, *A Larger Christian Life*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
2. A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1993).
3. Samuel Stoesz, *Sanctification: an Alliance Distinctive*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
4. Gordon T. Smith, *Called to Be Saints: An Invitation to Christian Maturity*, (InterVarsity Press, 2013).

Course Schedule – BC Schedule

		Related Required Reading	Before class
Mon., April 27			
8:30	Introduction: A Living Tradition	 Readings, Preface.	
12:30	A.B. Simpson: His life	 Readings, 1.1 - 1.3	
2:30	Simpson: Spiritual crises and the origins of Alliance History and Thought	 Readings, 2.1 - 2.4	2.1-2.4
Tues., April 28			
8:30	The Alliance and Nineteenth-Century Evangelicalism		
10:00	The Founding of the Alliance	 Readings, 4.1 - 4.3.	4.2-4.3
11:30	The Work of the Early Alliance	 Readings, 5.1 - 5.3.	5.2-5.3
2:00	Simpson and Alliance Hymnody	 Readings 3.1.	
Wed., April 29			
8:30	Missions and Missions Policy	 Readings, 7.1 - 7.3.	7.1
10:00	Developments in Alliance History		
11:30	Succession and Constitutional Change	 Readings 6.1 - 6.3	6.1-6.2
2:00	The Fourfold Gospel	 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 10-70; Readings, 8.1.	
Thurs., April 30			
8:30	The Early Alliance View of Sanctification	 Readings 9.1, 9.2, 9.4.	
10:00	Developments in the Alliance View of Sanctification	 Readings 10.1, 10.3, 10.4.	10.3
11:30	An Approach to Understanding the Progressive Nature of Sanctification		
2:00	Healing as an Alliance Distinctive	 Readings 11.1 - 11.4.	11.1-11.3
Fri., May 1			
8:30	A Contemporary Alliance View of Healing	 Readings 12.1 - 12.3.	
10:00	The Coming King	 Readings 13.1 - 13.2, 14.1 - 14.2.	
11:30	Toward a Doctrinal Statement	 Readings 15.1 - 15.6.	15.2
2:00	Alliance History and Thought: Living a Tradition		

Requirements:

1. Each student is expected to be prepared for and to participate in each class session. This is reflected in the proportion of the final mark assigned to participation. Students will be asked to present an informal summary to the class of one of the required readings.
2. A list of completed required reading will be submitted to the instructor.
3. Each student will write a critical book review which integrates a discussion of the four books listed above. Your review is to evaluate the degree to which 1) each book makes a contribution to Alliance thought and 2) together constitute a recognizable theological tradition. Your analysis will be significantly strengthened by reference to materials discussed in class and referenced in the

bibliography available in the “Resources” section of the Moodle site. The review should be between 2000 and 2500 words.

4. Lindsay Reynolds outlines the history of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the twentieth century in *Rebirth*. Use the interpretive grid for Alliance history presented on the final day of class to critically analyse Reynold’s book. Assess the degree to which the tensions identified in the lecture are supported by the history of the Alliance in Canada and assess the degree to which this interpretive grid was helpful in identifying central themes in the narrative. This review should be between 1200 and 1500 words.
5. The research papers are meant to explore new areas of Alliance history. It is suggested that this paper focus on a local church history, either of the church you now attend or one you have been associated with in the past. Papers should be between 3500 and 4000 words and will involve primary research.

Evaluation:

1. Participation	10%
2. Reading report	10%
3. Critical book review	25%
4. Review of <i>Rebirth</i>	15%
5. Local church history research paper	40%
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Due Dates

All assignments are due **July 15, 2020**.

Submission of Assignments:

All assignments are to be submitted in MS Word format to the appropriate assignment drop in Moodle. Please name your files as follows: lastnamefirstnametitle

Accessing grades

You can access an unofficial transcript from the Ambrose Student Portal. To do this you will need your Ambrose username and password. Go to students.ambrose.edu and login

On the upper left you will see a menu option for “your name’s grades”. That will give you access to a dropdown menu, click on Transcript. This will open a new window and you can when you click on the link it will open your transcript and you can download it.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all class sessions.

Grade Summary:

Grade	Interpretation	Grade Points
A+	Mastery: Comprehensive understanding of subject matter	4.00
A		4.00
A-		3.70
B+	Proficient: Well-developed understanding of subject matter.	3.30
B		3.00
B-		2.70
C+	Basic: Developing understanding of subject matter	2.30
C		2.00
C-		1.70
D+	Minimal Pass: Limited understanding of subject matter	1.30
D		1.00
F	Failure: Failure to meet course requirements	0.00

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform University-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are not mailed out.

Ambrose University Academic Policies:

Communication

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, they will need to forward all messages from the Ambrose account to another personal account.

Registration

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and/or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty or record. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a "Request to Withdraw from a Course" form or by sending an email to the Registrar's Office by the **Withdrawal Deadline**; please consult the List of Important Dates on the my.ambrose.edu website. Students will not receive a tuition refund for courses from which they withdraw after the Registration Revision period. A grade of "W" will appear on their transcript.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Exam Scheduling

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a Revised Examination Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) the student has three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to use electronics for purposes unrelated to the course during a class session. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social

networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. Some professors will not allow the use of any electronic devices in class. The professor has the right to disallow the student to use a laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information (information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual) may be required as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a course Extension from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date; please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Registrar's Office in writing and providing the basis for appeal within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to acknowledge to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that

deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage students to build mental health supports and to reach out when help is needed.

On Campus:

- Counselling Services: ambrose.edu/counselling
- Peer Supportive Listening: One-to-one support in Student Life office. Hours posted at ambrose.edu/wellness.
- For immediate crisis support, there are staff on campus who are trained in Suicide Intervention and Mental Health First Aid. See ambrose.edu/crisissupport for a list of staff members.

Off Campus:

- Distress Centre - 403-266-4357
- Sheldon Chumir Health Care Centre - 403-955-6200
- Emergency - 911

Sexual Violence Support

All staff, faculty, and Residence student leaders have received *Sexual Violence Response to Disclosure* training. We will support you and help you find the resources you need. There is a website with on and off campus supports – ambrose.edu/sexual-violence-response-and-awareness.

Off Campus:

- Clinic: Sheldon Chumir Health Centre - 403-955-6200
- Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse - 403-237-5888

Note: Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.