This course surveys the history of Christianity from its inception until the beginnings of European colonial expansion in the first half of the sixteenth century. From the earliest period, the movements associated with the person of Jesus of Nazareth were oriented toward evangelism and expansion. The course begins in the first century and traces the growth of Christianity as it spread throughout the Mediterranean basin, into Mesopotamia, Africa, Northern Europe and central Asia. This expansion required Christians to negotiate diverse social, political, and geographical situations. As they did this, the faith developed different theological, ritual, and moral emphases. This course investigates the variety of Christian expression in the history of global Christianity.

This course will survey the lives of women in Ancient Greek and Roman civilization from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. We will consider the public and private lives of women, and their changing social roles, and pay particular attention to the challenges posed by our sources, almost all of which were created by men.

Explore what centuries of archaeological excavations have revealed about the cultural achievements of the ancient Greeks! What is the physical evidence for the Trojan War? Why are there no lamps from the Dark Age? What happened on the Athenian Acropolis? Why are the best preserved Greek temples in Italy? How did Greek vase painters make red figure pottery? Why did Greek ships have eyes? Get the answers to these questions and more by learning about the architecture, sculpture, mosaics, inscriptions, shipwrecks, painted pottery, and coins of ancient Greece from the Bronze Age until the rise of the Roman Empire.