Foundations of the Restoration

SUMMER 2025

Thursdays @7:00pm

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Welcome to Foundations of the Restoration. In this course, you will study the foundational revelations, doctrine, people, and historical events related to the latter-day Restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ. Prayerfully studying these things will help you relate these concepts and people to your life and circumstances. You will also be better able to acquire spiritual knowledge and discern truth from error.

As you prayerfully approach this course, you will see the Lord's hand in the history of the Restoration and hear His voice in the revelations of the Restoration.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course is designed to help you have learning experiences that:

- Strengthen your testimony of Jesus Christ and His restored gospel
- Increase your desire and effort to live principles and doctrine of the gospel and become more like Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ
- Apply principles of acquiring spiritual knowledge and gain experience evaluating sources of information
- Identify and explain foundational doctrine, revelation, and historical events of the Restoration

INSTITUTE & TRANSFER CREDIT (OPTIONAL):

If you are interested in getting institute credit toward graduation or for transfer to a Church university, you must do the following.

- Attend 75% or more classes
- Read 75% or more of the assigned readings
- Complete an Elevate Learning Experience (Complete one of the following)
 - o Study Journal: Utilize a study journal throughout the semester to document "God's dealings" with you. This can include notes on each lesson, your thoughts and experience with the readings, and revelation you receive.
 - o Personal Learning Project: Plan and complete a project that focuses on doctrines and principles from the course, evidence of your learning and application, and a summary of how your faith in Jesus Christ has increased. This can be done through any medium.

COURSE MATERIAL:

Foundation of the Restoration Teacher Material (Religion 225)

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/foundations-of-the-restoration-class-preparation-material-2019?lang=eng



COURSE SCHEDULE:

CLASS DATE	READINGS
May 8 th	Introduction Lesson 1: Prelude to the Restoration Lesson 2: The First Vision
May 15 th	Lesson 3: Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge Lesson 4: The Doctrine or Revelation
May 22 nd	Lesson 5: The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon Lesson 6: The Book of Mormon—the Keyston of Our Religion
May 29 th	Lesson 7: Restoration of the Priesthood Lesson 8: The Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ
June 5 th	Lesson 9: Jesus Christ: Our Divine Redeemer Lesson 10: Following the Lord's Living Prophets
June 12 th	Lesson 11: The Gathering of Israel Lesson 12: Establish The Cause of Zion
June 19 th	Lesson 13: The Laws of God Lesson 14: The Lord Reveals Additional Scripture
June 26 th	Lesson 15: Heavenly Father's Plan and Our Divine Potential Lesson 16: The Kirtland Temple and Priesthood Keys
July 3 rd	Lesson 17: Remaining Faithful amid Opposition and Affliction Lesson 18: Latter-day Saint Women and the Relief Society
July 10 th	Lesson 19: Redemption of the Dead Lesson 20: Temple Ordinances and Worship
July 17 th	Lesson 21: The Doctrine of Eternal Marriage and Family Lesson 22: Plural Marriage
July 24 th	PIONEER DAY – NO CLASS
July 31st	Lesson 23: The Prophetic Mission and the Martyrdom of Joseph Smith Lesson 24: The Prophet Joseph Smith – A Choice Seer Lesson 25: Succession in the Presidency
August 7 th	Lesson 27: The Revelation on the Priesthood Lesson 28: The Lord is Hastening His Work