M.A. in Church History
Major Field Comprehensive Examination
Early Church History

Students are expected to:

1. prepare a bibliography of secondary sources, including scholarly books and articles (approximately 30), that supports the reading list below, and
2. consult the primary sources in their original languages.

Reading list of Primary Sources:

Athanasius of Alexandria, *Defense against the Arians*
--------, *Defense to the Emperor Constantius*
--------, *Life of St. Anthony*

Augustine, *On Christian Teaching*
--------, *On the Deeds of Pelagius*
--------, *On Nature and Grace*

Basil of Caesarea, *On the Holy Spirit*


Council of Chalcedon (451) (Price, Gaddis, 2005)

*Donatist Martyr Stories*, (Tilley, Liverpool, 1996)

Eusebius of Caesarea, *Life of Constantine*
--------, *Oration in Praise of the Emperor Constantine*

*History of the Monks in Egypt*

Gregory of Nyssa, *Answer to Eunomius’ Second Book*
--------, *Praise of Basil* (Stein, 1928)

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*

Optatus, *Against the Donatists*

Origen, *On First Principles*

Socrates, *Ecclesiastical History*

Sozomen, *Ecclesiastical History*