



BBEC6300 ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfil His mission.

Course Description:

This course is a study of the archaeology of the Early Church and its history, which includes North Africa, the Nile Valley, Asia Minor, Central Asia, the Balkans and Western Europe, Rome, and Palestine. Case studies will focus on sites in these regions and will include exploring the history and archaeology of the sites in more detail.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will learn the historical framework of the work of archaeology regarding the Early Church.
2. Students will be able to identify Early Church archaeological sites around the Mediterranean basin.
3. Students will be able to describe the movements of people groups in the Early Church based on archaeological sites discussed.
4. Students will be able to discuss Christian archaeology within the larger discipline of archaeology.

Required Textbooks

1. David A. Fiensy and James Riley Strange: *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods: The Archaeological Record from Cities, Towns, and Villages*, Vol 2. Fortress Press, 2015 (ISBN 918-1-4514-6742-0)
2. William H.C. Frend: *The Archaeology of Early Christianity: A History*. Fortress Press (ISBN 0-8006-2811-X)

Recommended Textbooks

1. Richard A. Horsley: *Archaeology, History, and Society in Galilee: The Social Context of Jesus and the Rabbis*. Trinity Press International (ISBN 1-56338-182-6)
2. Charles Gates: *Ancient Cities: The Archeology of Urban Life in the Ancient Near East and Egypt, Greece and Rome* 2nd Edition. Routledge. (ISBN 13:978-0-415-49864-7)
3. John Dominic Crossan & Jonathan L. Reed: *Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts - The Key Discoveries for Understanding Jesus in His World*. Harper San Francisco. (ISBN 0-06-061634-2)
4. Edwin M. Yamauchi: *New Testament Cities in Western Asia Minor: Light from Archaeology on Cities of Paul and the Seven Churches of Revelation*. Wipf and Stock Publishers (ISBN 1-59244-230-7)

Course Teaching Methodologies

This course will be taught via a combination of pedagogical methods, including but not limited to the following: lectures, student assignments, computer resources, textbook reviews, class discussions, and student presentations. Both inductive and deductive approaches to learning will be utilized.

Course Requirements:

1. Book Reviews: Students are expected to complete the readings in Frennd and Fiensy/Strange according to the class schedule, with reviews of each of these due at the end of the course. Each book review should be 2 to 3 pages, single-spaced, and include the following elements:

- 1) Bibliographic Entry
- 2) Statement of the Author's Purpose
- 3) Summary of the Author's Approach (can be in the same paragraph as #2, Purpose)
- 4) Summary of the Contents (selected portions only, such as special insights into passages that drew the student's attention)
- 5) An Evaluation of the book, including consideration of the most suitable readership, the scope of the book (comprehensive? or lacking in major areas), the viewpoints presented (multiple viewpoints when pertinent, or only one), and your overall evaluation of the book.

The summaries should be general in nature, covering the broad topics and several specific texts or topics as examples of the author's approach.

The Book Reviews are due by December 1st and should be submitted through Assignments in Canvas

2. Research Paper: Each student will prepare a research paper on a text or topic germane to the study of New Testament archaeology, with topics requiring pre-approval by the professor. The student will select a topic of their choice in consultation with the professor and will write a formal research paper on the topic in Turabian format. Papers should be approximately 10-15 pages double-spaced, excluding bibliography. The grading of the paper will be based on the following considerations: Form/Style/Grammar = 10%; Bibliography = 15%; Organization of the paper = 10%; Logic Flow = 15%; Content (coverage of viewpoints, details, solid analysis of the archaeological issues, etc.) = 50%.

The Research Papers are due on December 1st and should be submitted in Assignments in Canvas.

3. Journal Articles: The student will find 25 journal articles that are no more than three years old from the list given below, or a journal acceptable to the professor, on a subject of interest to the student and germane to the study of Early Church archaeology. The student will then prepare an annotated bibliography of each journal article, all in one document. The content of each entry of the annotated bibliography will include the bibliographical information of the article and a summary paragraph of the contents of the article. The paper should include the student's name, however, a cover sheet is not required. The paper should be presented in Turabian style as regards any footnotes, citations or bibliographical entries.

The due dates for the annotated bibliography paper is: Eight are due at Class Meeting 4, Eight are due at Class Meeting 8 and Nine are due at Class Meeting 12. These should be submitted through Assignments in Canvas.

If you are taking this course as a NOLA2U Flex student, please note the following attendance policies:

1. You are required to be in class either through viewing the lectures live or viewing the recorded lectures on Canvas. When you view the recorded lecture, you will be considered present for that class. Regardless of if you watch the class live or recorded, you are only allowed to miss the amount of class time specified in the NOBTS attendance policy as stated in the graduate catalog. (See “Absences” category in the website catalog at: <https://catalog.nobts.edu/generalinfo/academicpolicies>.)
2. You will be asked to certify that you have been present for the live session or have viewed the recorded session. This certification will be done through [assignment by professor] after having watched the class live or viewing the recorded session.
3. All video lectures are available for 7 days after the video is posted. If you are unable to view the video within that time frame, you will be considered absent for that class session.
4. Technical issues will not be considered a valid reason for missing a lecture.

Evaluation of Grade:

Research Paper	50%
Book Reviews	20% (2 @ 10% each)
Journal Articles	30%

Attendance Policy:

Traditional and Nola2U Classes: Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Any student missing more than nine hours may receive an automatic grade of “F” for the course. Three tardies will count as one absence.

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas.NOBTS.com Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Course Schedule:

Class Meetings	Frend	Fiensy & Strange
1 (Aug 18)	Introduction	Introduction
2 (Aug 25)	Ch. 1	Ch. 1-2
3 (Sept 1)	Ch. 2	Ch. 3-4
4 (Sept 8)	Ch. 3	Ch. 3-4
5 (Sept 15)	Ch. 4	Ch. 5-6
6 (Sept 22)	Ch. 5	Ch. 7-8
7 (Sept 29)	Ch. 6	Ch. 9-10
8 (Oct 13)	Ch. 7	Ch. 11-12
9 (Oct 20)	Ch. 8	Ch. 13-14
10 (Oct 27)	Ch. 9	Ch. 15-16
11(Nov 3)	Ch. 10-11	Ch. 17-18
12 (Nov 10)	Ch. 12-13	Ch. 19-20
13 (Nov 17)	Ch. 14-15	Ch. 21
14 (Dec 1)	Papers and Reviews Due	Papers and Reviews Due

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