



NTGK6315 Greek Exegesis: Pastoral Epistles
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Mission Statement

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

Course Description

An advanced course giving consideration to text-critical, grammatical, syntactical, literary, and historical issues through text analysis in a variety of genres. The course will emphasize sound hermeneutical principles for discovering the meaning of the text and for applying the text in teaching and preaching. Students may repeat the course for non-reduplicating books. Prerequisites: NTGK5300 Introductory Greek Grammar; and NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar for Exegesis.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students should understand the state of research related to the Pastoral Epistles
2. Students should gain an increased appreciation for the relevance of the exegetical study of the Pastoral Epistles
3. Students should acquire the ability to apply their understanding of the context and text of the Pastoral Epistles to a sound interpretation of the text

Textbooks

Yarborough, Robert W. *The Letters to Timothy and Titus*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018.

Students will choose one additional commentary from the selected bibliography (see below). Students will sign-up for their commentary to ensure that each student is reading a different commentary.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- Class sessions will consist of presentations overviewing units of study followed by general discussion. Students occasionally will lead in discussions as assigned.

- Class preparation will consist of textbook readings according to the syllabus schedule, translation, phrasing, and other assignments (word studies, historical-cultural context, etc.).

Course Requirements

1. *Reading-* Students will read the appropriate sections of the assigned commentaries before coming to class. Students will be required to submit a reading statement by **May 10**. The reading requirement is worth 10% of the final grade.
2. *Translation and Daily Assignments-* On days designated for “translation,” students are expected to be prepared to translate from the assigned portion of 1 or 2 Timothy. Students should translate the text prior to coming to class, but during class discussion students will not be allowed to use any notes, resources, etc. other than the Greek text. On days designated for “interpretation,” students should come prepared to discuss the interpretation of the text. Interpretation days will focus on phrasing, word studies, historical cultural context, and the theology and application of the text. Students will periodically be assigned special topics for discussion on “interpretation” days (including word studies, historical context, etc.). Translation and daily assignments are worth 15% of the final grade.
3. *Critical Introduction Assignment-* Each student will write a 2-3 paged, single-spaced paper on a topic related to 1 and 2 Timothy (authorship, audience, date, etc.). Each student will be assigned a different topic, and the student should be prepared to lead the discussion on that topic on the day assigned in the syllabus. The Critical Introduction assignments are due on **January 28**. and are worth 10% of the final grade.
4. *Midterm-* Students will take a midterm exam that covers background issues related to 1 and 2 Timothy as well as translation. The midterm is worth 15% of the final grade.
5. *Biblical Theology Paper:* Students will write a paper on a theological topic addressed in either 1 or 2 Timothy. The paper will include three sections: an analysis of biblical texts on this topic (with a special focus on passages from the Pastoral Epistles), a synthesis of the biblical texts on the topic, and implications for the church today. The paper will be 5-6 pages single-spaced and is worth 20% of the final grade. Biblical Theology papers are due on **May 4**. Sample topics include the following:
 - Addressing false teaching in the church
 - Women and pastoral ministry
 - The Old Testament Law and the christian
 - The Christian and material wealth
 - Preaching and its role in the life of the church
 - The relationship between sound teaching and right living
6. *Course Notebook-* Students will compile a notebook on 1 and 2 Timothy. The notebook will include a critical introduction to 1 and 2 Timothy (comprised of assignments submitted by each student in the class), the student’s own translation of 1 and 2 Timothy, the

student's own phrasing of both books, the student's own outline of both books with a summary of each section of the text, and notes on the translation and interpretation of the text. The course notebook is due on **May 11** and is worth 15% of the final grade.

7. *Final*- Students will take a final exam covering the content of the course. The final exam will be worth 15% of the final grade.

Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

- 10%- Reading
- 15%- Translation and Daily Assignments
- 10%- Critical Introduction Assignment
- 15%- Midterm Exam
- 20%- Biblical Theology Paper
- 15%- Course Notebook
- 15%- Final Exam

Grading Scale

- A: 93 - 100
- B: 85 - 92
- C: 77 – 84
- D: 70 – 76
- F: below 70

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. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
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.

Late Policy

Late assignments will be penalized at 3 points per day they are overdue. If any emergencies arise in the course of the semester that will require late submissions of assignments, the student is expected to contact the professor before the assignment's due date.

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

Week 1: January 19, 21

- T Introduction to the Class
- R Translation and Phrasing

Week 2: January 26, 28

- T Article Reviews on Introductory Issues
- R Critical Intro- Authorship and Audience

Week 3: February 2, 4

- T Critical Intro- Historical Setting and False Teaching
- R 1 Timothy 1- Translation

Week 4: February 9, 11

- T 1 Timothy 1- Interpretation
- R 1 Timothy 2- Translation

Week 5: February 16, 18

- T Mardi Gras Holiday
- R 1 Timothy 2- Interpretation

Week 6: February 23, 25

- T 1 Timothy 3- Translation
- R 1 Timothy 3- Interpretation

Week 7: March 2, 4

- T 1 Timothy 4- Translation
- R 1 Timothy 4- Interpretation

Week 8: March 9, 11

- T Biblical Theology (you must choose a topic for your Biblical Theology paper this week)
- R Midterm Exam

SPRING BREAK MARCH 15-19

Week 9: March 23, 25

- T 1 Timothy 5- Translation
- R 1 Timothy 5- Interpretation

Week 10: March 30, April 1

- T 1 Timothy 6- Translation
- R 1 Timothy 6- Interpretation

Week 11: April 6, 8

- T 2 Timothy 1- Translation
- R 2 Timothy 1- Interpretation

Week 12: April 13, 15

- T 2 Timothy 2- Translation
- R 2 Timothy 2- Interpretation

Week 13: April 20, 22

- T 2 Timothy 3- Translation
- R 2 Timothy 3- Interpretation

Week 14: April 27, 29

- T 2 Timothy 4- Translation
- R 2 Timothy 4- Interpretation

Week 15: May 4, 6

- T Biblical Theology discussions (Biblical Theology Papers Due)
- R Biblical Theology discussions

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, May 13 from 8:00-11:00 AM

Selected Bibliography

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For additional resources, contact the professor.