

A Syllabus for New Testament Survey (BSCM 2350-0084)

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Course Description

This course will provide an introduction to the historical development of the literature of the New Testament and the social world of the earliest Christians. We will examine the texts of the New Testament in the social, political, and religious context of the Roman Empire. You will be required to read the texts critically to explore issues of central concern to the understanding of the New Testament. These issues include but are not limited to: the Gospels and related works, general issues in Paul's life and thought. Although we will study the theological concerns of first and second century Christians, this course will not address contemporary issues of theology and Christian faith.

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the literature of the New Testament by means of studying both the Biblical text and the historical and cultural factors that underlie it. The historical background, certain aspects of contemporary scholarship, and especially the themes and general teachings of the New Testament books will be discussed.

Course Objectives

This course has three objectives:

1. A survey of the contents of the New Testament, including the authors and reading communities of the NT texts
2. A limited introduction to the historical, religious, and social context of the Roman Empire in the first and second centuries
3. An overview of early Christian communities' relationships with Jews, pagans, and other Christians

Seminary Core Values

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. These values shape both the context and manner in which all curricula are taught, with "doctrinal integrity" and "academic excellence" especially highlighted in this course. NOBTS also has seven basic competencies that guide our Master's Degree programs: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual & Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The seminary focus this year is on "Spiritual Vitality," with an emphasis on that value being incorporated into courses this year.

Required Texts

1. The Bible
2. Carson, D.A., and Douglas J. Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament*, 2d ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005. ISBN: 0-310-23859-5. 신약개론, 엄성옥 역.

Optional Text

1. F. F. Bruce. *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free*, Paperback. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000. ISBN: 0-8028-4778-1. 바울, 박문재 역

Course Requirements

1. **Daily reading assignments:** Assignments should be completed before class on the day on which they are listed on the syllabus.
2. **Class participation and attendance:** Class discussion and participation is an integral part of this class. All students are expected to participate in a thoughtful, well-prepared manner that is grounded in the course assignments. All members of the class are expected to reflect critically on their ways in which they can contribute to constructive rather than destructive class dynamics. I will call upon students and will not always simply wait for students to volunteer themselves.
3. **Paper:** Students are expected to do 1 analytical research paper on the Synoptic Problem. The paper should be well-constructed, be well-written, and argue a clear thesis. The thesis may be a complicated one, but the paper as a whole should be concise. 10-12 pages. Turabian style.
4. **10 Weekly Quizzes including Bible Quizzes**
5. **Exam:** There will be a final exam for the course.

Evaluations and Grading

1. **Late work will not be accepted.** If there is a tragedy in your life, and you need an exception to this policy, you must make arrangements with me before the work is due.

Grading scale

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

2. Final grades

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| 1) 10 Weekly Quizzes | 50% |
| 2) Paper: | 25% |
| 3) Final Exam | 25% |

Schedule of Assignments

8/18	Orientation Intertestamental Background, NT Background and Canon (C/M, ch.1, 26)
8/25	Life of Jesus, Synoptic Gospels (C/M, ch.2), Quiz 1
9/1	Labor Day
9/8	Synoptic Problem (C/M, chs.3-4; 마-막), Quiz 2
9/15	Gospels (C/M, chs.5-6; B, chs.서론-7; 눅-요), Quiz 3
9/22	General Epistles (C/M, 19-22, 24; B, chs.8-12; 히-벧후), Quiz 4
9/29	Johanine Epistles, Revelation (C/M, 23,25; B, 13-16; 요일이상, 계), Quiz 5
10/6	Acts, Early Church, and Life of Paul (C/M, chs.7; B. chs.17-20; 행 1-14), Quiz 6
10/13	Fall Break
10/20	Acts, Early Church, and Life of Paul (C/M, chs.8-9; B, chs.21-23; 행 15-28), Quiz 7
10/27	Galatians, 1 & 2 Thess. (C/M, chs.12, 16; B, 24-27; 갈, 살전후), Quiz 8
11/3	Romans, (C/M, ch.10; B, 28-31; 롬), Quiz 9
11/10	1 & 2 Corinthians, (C/M, ch.11; B, 32-34; 고전후), Quiz 10
11/17	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon (C/M, chs.13-15, 18; B, 35-38; 엡-골, 몬), Quiz 11
11/24	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/1	Pastoral Epistles (C/M, ch.17; 딤후, 딤후), Quiz 12, Paper Due
12/8	Final Exam