

## **BSCM 4352-80 New Testament Interpretation: Hebrews**

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### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Purpose of the Course:**

The purpose of this course is to provide students quality theological education in the discipline of Biblical Studies with the emphasis being in the study of the Epistle to the Hebrew.

### **Description of the Course:**

This course is designed to give an expository interpretation of the Epistles to the Hebrews. Students will become familiar with the different opinions as to who wrote the epistle. Attention will be afforded to the prophetic nature, Christology, theology and priestly themes found throughout the epistle. Various interpretations of key passages as well as the historical, social and cultural underpinnings of the epistle will be discussed throughout the course.

### **Course Methodology:**

The course will use lecture, discussion and papers for the purpose of effectively transmitting the key objectives of this course. Additionally, students will be expected to complete two (2) hours of class related work outside of the classroom in order to comply with accreditation expectations for a 3-credit hour course. These assignments will include, but not limited to, research, book reviews, summaries and others related work intended to increase the knowledge base related to the Epistle to the Hebrews.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. The student will be required to attend class and to participate in class discussions.
2. The student will be required to read the Epistle to the Hebrews according to the syllabus outline.
3. The student will be required to submit all assignments on time.
4. The student will demonstrate competency related to the key themes associated with the letter to the Hebrews as outlined in this course syllabus.

### **Course Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should:

1. Have adequate knowledge of the epistle's content.
2. Have an understanding of the epistle's audience, possible authorship, historical-social context, etc.

3. Identify and clarify interpretations of problem passages.
4. Have acquired fundamental knowledge of the text for effective exegesis and interpretation of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

**Required Textbooks:**

The Bible

Bruce, F.F. The Epistle to the Hebrews. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Revised edition (April 30, 2012).

**Attendance Policy:**

The class requires adherence to the attendance policy as stated in the NOBTS catalogue. Any student missing more than three classes will receive an automatic grade of "F" for the course unless excused by the Dean of the Undergraduate Faculty.

**Dates of Importance:**

Classes begin on Tuesday, May 28, 2013

No class on July 4, 2013

Final Exam & Class on July 23, 2013

**Course Assessments and Evaluations:**

A 10-15 page paper on the Epistle to the Hebrews

A four to six page paper on an assigned passage from the Epistle

Final Exam on July 23, 2013

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