

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTUAL CRITICISM SEMINAR (NTGK9401)
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NOBTS 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.

COURSE PURPOSE, CORE VALUE FOCUS, AND CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES:

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 “academic excellence” especially highlighted in this course. The special emphasis for this year at NOBTS is academic excellence, with all encouraged to focus on that value during the 2016-17 academic year.

The Ph.D. degree requires a research-intensive program that emphasizes specialization in the area of the degree major. This seminar is offered within the New Testament Ph.D. program as a specialized study of the textual background to the Greek New Testament.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This seminar builds upon the M.Div. course on textual criticism to establish a grasp of the current state of research in the field of NT TC. Major attention is given to three aspects of the field of NT TC:

- (1) methodology and theory in the evaluation of the various types of witnesses to the text;
- (2) the evaluation of individual textual witnesses, including manuscripts, versions, and patristic sources;
- (3) the role of special features of paleography associated with the NT textual witnesses.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this course include the following:

1. Students should understand the state of research in the field of NT TC
2. Students should gain an increased appreciation for how the study of NT TC relates to the field of NT studies
3. Students should acquire the ability to utilize and analyze the data associated with NT TC for both information and research purposes

COURSE TEACHING METHODS:

This course will be taught via a combination of pedagogical methods, including but not limited to the following: lectures and class discussion, student research papers, computer resources, readings and book reviews, and student presentations in class.

TEXTBOOKS:

As indicated in the schedule of class meetings, the required texts include works by Metzger, Ehrman and Holmes, Parker, Gamble, Ehrman, Hurtado, Epp and Fee, and with options on texts by Carrier, Haines-Eitzen, Houghton, Westcott & Hort, Zuntz, Colwell and Tune, Kannaday, Cosaert, Croy, and Horton. Other reading assignments are noted on the class schedule or will be given during the seminar meetings. Some of the books that are out-of-print may be made available by the professor for seminar members.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** All seminar members are to read the required texts and bring a brief review of the text to class on the day set for discussion of the book. The review should include the following items: bibliographic data, statement of the purpose and thesis of the book, and a list of questions/points of interest that can serve as a basis for discussion in class. (1-2 typed pages, single spaced)
- B.** Each student will analyze the paleographic details and transcribe a section of a manuscript as assigned by the professor. These studies are due on Oct. 27th (to be submitted to Megan in the CNTTS). A practicum will be offered as an aid for this exercise as part of the seminar meeting on September 22, with the practicum to be offered in the CNTTS.
- C.** Each student will research the themes designated for class discussion. Students should bring a briefly annotated bibliography of primarily periodical sources on the theme to class in written form for class distribution. The bibliography should include 4 to 5 sources, with only one book (so mostly journals) and at least 1 entry from an article or book in a different language. These should be submitted with electronic copies for all seminar participants placed in the course dropbox folder (plus a hard copy for the professor).
- D.** Each seminar member will present a formal paper on an approved theme. The problem statement for the study must be approved before work begins and are to be submitted as noted in the schedule below (Oct. 27th). All seminar papers are due on Thursday, December 8th, with copies made available on that date for all seminar members, including one emailed directly to the professor. Papers that are not submitted on time will automatically be lowered on the possible grade and may not be presented to the seminar if the delay is too much to allow for reviews by the seminar members.
- E.** Each seminar member will turn in a brief reaction/criticism of the papers on the date of the presentation of the paper. These may be either hand-written or typed, 1 to 2 pages in length, single-spaced. A copy will be given to the author of the paper and to the professor. Also, each student will be the major critic for one of the papers, with a more thorough review to be presented on that paper in both written and oral form.

- SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: (meetings = Thursdays 12:30 to 5:30 pm unless noted otherwise)**
- Aug. 25 Introduction (Dr. Warren). Assignment: Review Metzger, *Manuscripts of the Greek Bible* prior to class (*no written review required*)
The State of Research: Ehrman & Holmes, *The Text of the NT in Contemporary Research* (2014 edition), 2-4 page review
- Sept. 8 Manuscripts, Their Production and Use:
David Parker, *An Introduction to the NT Manuscripts and Their Texts*
Gamble, *The Books and the Readers*
Read one of the following and present a written review of 2-4 pages plus a copy of the table of contents of the book:
Haines-Eitzen, *Guardians of Letters*
Carriker, *The Library of Eusebius of Caesarea*
Houghton, editor, *Early Readers, Scholars and Editors of the New Testament*
Houghton, *The Latin New Testament*
- Sept. 22 Versions & Church Fathers
Metzger, *The Early Versions of the New Testament*
Hurtado, *The Earliest Christian Artifacts*
Manuscript Details & Variants Discussion: Read one of the following and present a written review of 2-4 pages plus a copy of the table of contents of the book:
Wayne Kannady, *Apologetic Discourse and the Scribal Tradition*
David Parker, *Codex Bezae: An Early Christian Manuscript and Its Text*
Carl Cosaert, *The Text of the Gospels in Clement of Alexandria*
Clayton Croy, *The Mutilation of Mark's Gospel*
- Oct. 6 *Workshop on how to make a transcription*
Read one of the following and present a written review of 2-4 pages plus a copy of the table of contents of the book:
Westcott & Hort, *The NT in the Original Greek*, Intro, Hendrickson, 1988.
Colwell and Tune, *Studies in Methodology in Textual Criticism of the NT*
Zuntz, *The Text of the Epistles*
Horton, *The Earliest Gospels*
- Oct. 13 Methodology: Epp and Fee, *Studies in the Theory and Method of NT TC*
Articles on the CBGM from the INTF in Münster
- Oct. 27: Research Week: No Class Meeting, but paper abstracts with research question, thesis, and hypothesis, & assigned transcriptions are due at the next meeting
- Nov. 3 Specialized Studies:
Ehrman, *The Orthodox Corruption of Scripture*
Parker, *The Living Text of the Gospels*
- Dec. 1 Discussion of NT Variants: Bring a review of a current article discussing a NT variant.
All Major Papers Due on Dec. 8

Dec. 15 Major Papers Presented (MEETING TIME WILL BE EXTENDED: 9 am to 5:30 pm)

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