

## Biblical Studies - New Testament

BSNT-201. Introduction to the New Testament I. 3 crs.

Presents New Testament history, religion, and literature, with emphasis on principles of biblical criticism, the Synoptic problem, development of the New Testament Canon, transmission of New Testament literature, and translations into the English vernacular.

BSNT-202. Introduction to the New Testament II. 3 crs

Continuation of BSNT-201. BSNT-221. New Testament Greek I. 3 crs.

Consists of New Testament Greek grammar and exercises, with emphasis on grammatical principles and translation. BSNT-222. New Testament Greek II. 3 crs.

Continuation of BSNT-221. Prereq.: BSNT-221. BSNT-300. New Testament Greek III. 3 crs.

Study of the New Testament, the Septuagint, and early Christian Greek literature, with selected body of readings from this range of writings in keeping with the student's preparation. BSNT-303. Readings in Biblical Greek III. 3 crs.

An intermediate level readings course in Greek texts of the New Testament and the Septuagint. Following an intensive grammar review, students will strengthen vocabulary through regular translating exercises. Prereqs.: BSNT-221 and BSNT-222. BSNT-305. The Life and Teachings of Jesus. 3 crs.

Treats demythologizing and other contemporary approaches to the life of Jesus, along with an assessment of the Dead Sea scriptures. BSNT-310. Pauline Thought. 3 crs.

Examines Paul's religious thought through genuine Pauline sources presented in lectures and reports. BSNT-315. Judaism and its Sacred Literature. 1 crs.

Introduces students to major works of Jewish sacred literature and, through it, to Jewish thought and practice. Students will become familiar with different types of Jewish texts and understand their places in Jewish life. Elements of Jewish religious practices and differences between the various movements of Judaism—and between Judaism and Christianity—will be covered. BSNT-324. Epistle to the Romans. 3 crs.

A detailed exegetical analysis of Paul's epistle to the Romans. Examines the relationship of theology, christology, justification, faith, law, Jews and Gentiles in Romans to the overall purpose of the letter. The major secondary sources on Romans will be critically evaluated. BSNT-326. Exegesis of Matthew and Luke. 3 crs.

The adaptation of Jesus' traditions in these two Gospels with particular attention to reinterpretations of the Old Testament, parables, and distinctive theological themes. Opportunities to refine skills in exegesis; resources for students to advance the hermeneutical task within the church today. Prereqs.: BSNT-201 and BSNT-202. BSNT-393 Social Issues and Justice in the New Testament. 3 crs.

A study of biblical perspectives on justice in relation to such social issues as slavery, discrimination, economic exploitation, violence and family life. The delineation of principles for biblical hermeneutical analysis of selected New Testament texts with attention to the supportive literature. Prereqs.: BSNT-201 and BSNT-202. BSNT-394. Justice and Peace in the New Testament. 3 crs.

The course is designed to explore both the biblical mandate for peace and for its corollary, justice. The aim is to study such texts and supportive literature that help the students gain a better appreciation of the fundamental interrelatedness of these two biblical concerns. In addition, the course seeks to assist students in transposing such biblical mandates into a responsible hermeneutic for social action and justice ministries today. BSNT-400. Topics in Early Christianity. 3 crs.

Seminar analyzing the relationship of early Christian history and the New Testament, with emphasis on such topics as oral tradition, Hellenistic and Jewish presuppositions, the Holy Spirit, and Christology. BSNT-410. The Book of Revelation. 3 crs.

A detailed examination of the theology and community concerns that shape the revelation according to St. John, against the background of Old Testament and intertestamental literature. The students will conduct a careful review of the history of interpretation regarding the critical problems of this book which represents the most extensive example of the apocalyptic genre in the Bible. Through the use of critical studies and commentaries, students will prepare seminar reports with particular attention to the contemporary relevance of this book which closes the New Testament canon. Prereqs.: BSNT-201 and BSNT-202. BSNT-415. The Gospel of John. 3 crs. BSNT-417. The Gospel of Mark. 3 crs. BSNT-420. Exegesis of the New Testament. 3 crs. BSNT-425. Exegesis of New Testament Epistles: Paul & James. 3 crs.

An examination of the seven undisputed epistles of Paul and the Epistle of James and the ways in which these epistles have been treated in the history of exegesis and biblical interpretation. Prereqs.: BSNT-201 and BSNT-202. BSNT-427. Exegesis: James and Galatians. 3 crs. BSNT-430. James and the Catholic Epistles. 3 crs. BSNT-433. Corinthian Correspondence. 3 crs. BSNT-435. Biblical Studies Honors Seminar. 3 crs.

This upper level seminar will trace the history of interpretation of select Bible passages and discuss their historic significance. Students will become acquainted with frontier areas of current research with respect to biblical theology and hermeneutics. Prereq.: Nine (9) hours of Biblical Studies plus cumulative grade point average of 3.50. BSNT-440. Discipleship in the Synoptic Gospels. 3 crs.

This New Testament course is designed to exegetically explicate the major synoptic passages dealing with the disciples to uncover their meaning and implications for discipleship. It covers such themes as the nature of and call to discipleship, requirements and demands of discipleship, disciples as learners, and Jesus and the twelve. The ultimate objective of this investigation is to gain a perspective of what discipleship meant for those first followers of Christ and thereby gain insights into what it can mean for 20th century disciples. BSNT-515. New Testament D.Min. Seminar: Hermeneutics on Race/Ethnicity, Class and Family. 3 crs.

With attention to the synoptic gospels, the thirteen Pauline epistles and the Catholic epistles, this course will focus on the

interpretive meaning of selected texts as they bear upon the issues of race/ethnicity, class and family. The students will conduct detailed analyses on passages in order to discern their implications for ministry in global contexts today. Each student will be expected to make a seminar presentation and then refine the work into a final research paper for the seminar. Each student will be further expected to maintain a course notebook on assigned readings. BSNT-525. The Historical Jesus. 3 crs. BSNT-565. Biblical Hermeneutics and the Black Church. 3 crs.

What biblical texts, social issues, or themes lend themselves to enhancing ministry in the Black Church tradition? Combining exegesis with an examination of hermeneutical principles, this course studies the Bible in relation to the topics of race, ancient Africa, social stratification and household patterns. Emphasis is given to the New Testament and its allied literature. Students evaluate recent trends in biblical theology and studies by Black Bible scholars. Prereq.: Nine (9) hours of Biblical Studies. <<BACK ^TOPNEXT>>