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Course: B 1502 New Testament Introduction II

Time: Spring 2011, Tuesday 8:10-9:50 PM

Credit: 2 credit hours **Level:** Masters

Prerequisites: TP 2101; TP 2501; B 1501

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Course Description and Objectives

This course covers the literature, methods of interpretation, and various questions of critical study of the New Testament. It is designed to help students acquaint themselves with the philosophical and religious context of the Greco-Roman world and of Judaism contemporaneous with the beginnings of Christianity. New Testament Introduction II focuses on the life of Paul and his letters, the Pastorals, Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, Jude, and Revelation. The course will also highlight some of the extra-canonical writings that relate to the foundational period of Christianity, such as the works of the Apostolic Fathers, NT Apocrypha, and the Nag Hammadi Library.

Required Texts

1. Brown, R. E. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Doubleday, 1997 (ISBN 0-385-24767-2).
2. Coogan, M. D., et al., eds. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (NRSV with the Apocrypha). 3rd (or latest) edn. Oxford, 2001 (ISBN 0-19-528485-2).
3. Ehrman, B. D. *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*. 3rd edn. Oxford, 2004 (ISBN 0-19-515462-2).

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance and participation in class discussions.
2. *Reading Assignment:* A careful reading of all the assigned texts
3. *Written Assignment:* A written paper (10 pages, double or single-spaced, excluding bibliography).
4. *Midterm* and *Final* examinations