

The John Leland Center for Theological Studies
Hampton Roads Center

B 1502: New Testament Introduction 2

Time: Spring 2010, Mondays 8:00 pm – 9:40 pm

Credit: 2 credit hours

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Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces students to 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 2 focuses on the life and ministry of Paul, the letters ascribed to Paul, Hebrews, the general letters, and the book of Revelation.

At the completion of the course, the successful student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the socio-religious environment of the NT world; a critical understanding of the life, ministry, and theology of Paul; a familiarity with the literary and theological contents of the letters ascribed to Paul, Hebrews, the general letters, and the book of Revelation; an understanding of selected issues in the critical study of the NT; and an ability to conduct independent research and to communicate effectively the results of the research.

Required Texts

The Bible. Any modern standard scholarly translation is acceptable. One of the following NRSV study Bibles is recommended highly: *The HarperCollins Study Bible*, *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*, *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, *The Access Bible*.

Brown, Raymond. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Doubleday, 1997. ISBN 0385247672. The identical text is also published by Yale University Press, 1997. ISBN 0300140169.

Course Requirements

1. Careful reading of the primary (the NT) and secondary (Brown) texts and participation in class discussions
2. A midterm examination
3. An eight to ten page research or exegesis paper
4. A final examination