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B 1502: New Testament II

Time: Spring 2012, Thursday, 8:10 pm— 9:50 p.m.

Credit: 2 credit hours

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Prerequisites: TP 2101; TP 2501; B 1501

Office Hours: Tues/Thurs 4:00-6:00 pm

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.

The course seeks to (i) encourage the student to read the OT; (ii) provide an introduction to historical-critical and literary interpretive methods that have been employed in contemporary scholarship for evaluating and communicating the meaning of the texts; and (iii) help the student acquire competent exegetical skills for teaching and preaching.

Required Texts

1. Brown, R. E. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. ABRL. 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.
2. Thoughtful reading and study of all assigned texts.
3. A written paper (10 pages, double/single-spaced, excluding bibliography).
4. Midterm and Final Exams.