

BT501 Introduction to New Testament (3 units)

The historical background of the New Testament including the formation, history, extent, and transmission of the canon. Includes a special introduction to each New Testament book.

BT502a Introduction to Old Testament (3 units)

Text, canon and examination of the foundation and conclusions of modern historical-critical methods; special introduction of each Old Testament book.

BT503 Hermeneutics (3 units)

A study of principles for sound interpretation and application of the Bible, including analysis of presuppositions, general rules and specialized principles for the various Biblical genre and phenomena.

BT504 Old Testament Theology (3 units)

A theological approach of the Old Testament which includes key themes from the text and ideas of influential theologians in the field. An in-depth study limited to a group of writers, theme, or a selection of literature from a particular period of Israel's history may form a portion of the course.

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BT506 Pentateuch (3 units)

This foundational course in the Bible explores the origin of key biblical themes such as creation and fall, judgment and grace, Israel and the nations, the exodus and wanderings, the law and covenants.

BT507 Historical Books (3 units)

A survey of Israel's history from conquest to exile as portrayed in historical books of the Old Testament.

BT508 Psalms and Songs (3 units)

An exegetical and systematic study of psalms and songs in the Old Testament, with some devotional reading practice.

BT509 Major Prophets (3 units)

The content and literary qualities of the major prophets including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel in light of their historical background and their developing theological content.

BT510 Isaiah (3 units)

Exegetical study of selected passages with attention to the various kinds of forms and theological themes of the passages as well as an exploration of the life and role of the prophet.

BT511 Four Gospels (3 units)

A study of the message of Jesus, His person and work, and a comparative presentation of the distinctive outlook of the synoptic sources and the evangelists themselves.

BT512 Gospel of John (3 units)

A study of the Gospel of John, its historical setting, narrative progression, theological themes, and unique use of signs and symbols.

BT513 Gospel of Matthew (3 units)

Exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text with special attention to Matthew's theology as determined by redaction-critical analysis.

BT514 Gospel of Mark (3 units)

Exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text with special attention to Mark's theology as determined by redaction-critical analysis.

BT515 Gospel of Luke (3 units)

Exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text with special attention to Luke's theology as determined by redaction-critical analysis.

BT516 Acts (3 units)

A study of the emergence of the early Christian church as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles. Attention is given to the historical context of the work, the literary techniques of the author, and the abiding theological lessons for Christian faith and practice today.

BT517 Romans & Galatians (3 units)

An analytical, exegetical, and expositional study of the biblical text organized around the doctrines of sin, justification, sanctification, law, and grace with applications for the believer in terms of obligation to God, to authorities and to fellow human beings.

BT518 Corinthians I & II (3 units)

An intensive exegesis of the two letters of Paul to the Corinthians in light of their backgrounds and purposes.

BT519 Prison Epistles (3 units)

Paul's theologizing of his own context and the contexts of his audience are the primary agendas of these four epistles.

BT520 Pastoral Epistles (3 units)

A careful exegetical study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. Special attention is given to the placing of these letters in the history of the early church.

BT521 Hebrews (3 units)

Interpretation of this creative book against the background of first century Jewish literature and institutions. Spiritual values for growth and sermon preparation.

BT522 General Epistles (3 units)

A careful exegetical study of the general epistles. Special attention is given to the placing of these letters in the history of the early church.

BT523 Revelation (3 units)

The study of apocalyptic as a genre of literature in the New Testament with a focus on the book of Revelation; The original setting, meaning and purpose of the book of Revelation and its imagery in relation to the Old Testament, inter-testamental literature and other Jewish writings of antiquity; perspectives in prophetic interpretation along with potential ways in which Revelation may be sensibly preached and taught in the church.

BT524 Pauline Theology (3 units)

An examination of Paul's theological and missiological themes with special emphasis on Christology, salvation, ethics, discipleship, evangelism, eschatology and leading exegetical issues.

BT525 History and Religion of Israel (3 units)

A study of the history and religion of Israel.

BT526 Minor Prophets (3 units)

A study of the historical backgrounds and themes of the twelve minor prophets, their lifestyles, theological themes, and words from the Lord in particular contexts.

BT527 Wisdom Literature (3 units)

A systematic study of the biblical wisdom literature in the Book of Job, the Proverbs, and the Ecclesiastes, together with the impact of wisdom literature on the New Testament.

BT528 Life and Teaching of Jesus (3 units)

A study of the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ. Special attention will be given to the content of the synoptic gospel as well as the social, political, and religious conditions of the time.

BT529 Parables of Jesus (3 units)

A study of selected parables, focusing on their meaning within the context of Jesus' ministry. Special attention is given to the history of interpretation and appropriate methodology in interpreting and applying parables.

BT530 Sermon on the Mountain (3 units)

An inductive study of Matthew 5-7. The goals are to grasp the intended meaning of the author and to draw out principles applicable for contemporary life.

BT601 Studies in Old Testament Background (3 units)

An in-depth probe into the Old Testament background including culture, history, epochs, archaeology, geography, language and literature, all in relation to selected Old Testament texts.

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BT603 Biblical Archaeology (3 units)

An introduction to the contributions of archaeology in our understanding of the political, cultural and religious history of ancient Israel.

BT604 Geography of the Holy Land (3 units)

A study tour exploring ancient biblical settings. It includes lectures, field studies and visits to archaeological sites which pertain to the history of the Scriptures.

BT605 New Testament Criticism (3 units)

A study of historical, sociological, and literary criticism necessary in the task of New Testament exegesis.

BT606 Textual Criticism of New Testament (3 units)

A coverage of the methods and assumptions in New Testament textual criticism with attention to selected problems.

BT607 Kingdom Theology (3 units)

A study focusing on the meaning of the Kingdom of God in Judaism and on Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom as found in the Gospel.

BT608 Theology of Inspiration (3 units)

A study of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments with a focus on the inspiration of prophets, poets, kings, and common people.

BT609 Seminar in Old Testament (3 units)

Special course work for those who wish to study a particular area of the Old Testament.

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BT611 Canon in Old Testament (3 units)

A study of the Old Testament canon with special focus on particular books in the Old Testament.

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BT613 Research (3 units)

This course allows students to pursue their own independent research on topics related to their courses.

BT614 Directive Research (3 units)

Supervised research in selected areas of biblical studies.

BT615 Thesis (3 units)

Guidance provided for those writing theses in biblical studies.