

Recognition for Labors in Non-Classroom Christian Ministry

Because the goal of FRBI is geared toward practical Christian ministry, a certain amount of credit can be granted for prior Christian ministry. With approval by the Academic Dean, students in the Bachelor of Biblical Studies may obtain up to 12 credits for Christian ministry (out of 144 total credits). Likewise, students in the Master of Biblical Studies or Master of Divinity may obtain up to 6 credits for such prior ministry (out of the 72 credits and 120 credits, respectively). The student must provide the Academic Dean with legitimate official documentation of such service. Some of this ministry recognition may be designed as part of the present course work as an internship program with a local church. This internship will be designed on a personal level with each student.

Course Descriptions

Code Title Credits

BST 501 Bible Study Methods (Hermeneutics & Principles of Exegesis)

3

This course introduces the student to proper Bible study methods and tools for sound and accurate biblical interpretation. It surveys the major interpretive approaches to the Bible, both historical and contemporary, by examining parables, types, prophecies, poetry, and a great variety of figurative biblical literature. This course also emphasizes the principles of literal, normal, cultural, and historical interpretation.

BST 601 Theology I

3

A study of Prolegomena, dealing with the essence and source of systematic theology, and reasons for its study; of Bibliology, emphasizing inspiration and inerrancy; and of Theology Proper, including revelation, Trinitarianism, and God's relation to the universe.

BST 602 Theology II

3

A study of Angelology, including the nature and ministry of angels, Satan, and demons, including some introductory examination and critique of the charismatic movement; of Anthropology, focusing on the origin and nature of man; and of Harmartiology, dealing with the fall and its consequences, especially total depravity.

BST 603 Theology III

3

A study of Christology, dealing with the person and work of Jesus Christ; of Pneumatology, the person and work of the Holy Spirit; and of Soteriology, dealing with the atonement of Christ, election, regeneration, conversion, justification, and glorification.

BST 604 Theology IV

3

A study of Ecclesiology, focusing on the inception, organization, ordinances, and ministry of the church; and of Eschatology, including a study of the biblical covenants and issues of continuity and discontinuity, Daniel's "seventieth week," the rapture, tribulation period, the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrections, the eschatological judgments of the saved and unsaved, the eternal state, and personal destiny.

BST 605 Old Testament Theology

3

A systematic study of the revelation of God through the religion, life, and history of Israel as contained in the Old Testament. Special attention is given to the development of Old Testament theology, revelation, inspiration, sin, redemption, and eschatology.

BST 606 New Testament Theology

3

This course focuses on the major theological themes and nuances that emerge and culminate in the NT text. It overlaps with traditional systematic theology in that it addresses many of the same doctrinal topics but the emphasis is more upon the distinct doctrinal themes that emerge from the text. In this sense, NT Theology has an overlapping sense of "biblical theology" and "systematic theology."

BST 607 Pauline Theology

3

This course involves a first-hand study of the New Testament letters of the Apostle Paul as well as a critical reading of recent scholarly literature on these writings with a view to discovering the background, nature and distinctive of Paul's theology.

BST 608 Johannine Theology

3

An examination of the special themes and emphases of the Apostle John, primarily in his gospel, but also in his epistles and in the book of Revelation. Foundational to this class is the contribution of the Apostle John to Biblical theology, including the seven "I am" statements, the seven signs, the concept of the 'Logos', Christ and the feasts of Israel, John's worldview, his use of irony and symbolism, John's use of contrast, Christ's discourses, the cosmic conflict between Christ and Satan, and the glory of God in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

BST 701 Apologetics and Evangelism

3

A careful, biblical and theological development of a consistent apologetic from a systematic exegetical approach. The course provides a basis for the evaluation of various empirical systems as well as a working knowledge of presuppositionalism for use in all aspects of practical ministry. Evangelism is then studied within this framework to present the student with a consistent gospel presentation for biblical evangelism. The course will also provide the student with an exposure to biblical evidentialism to help equip the student with a proper understanding of logic and biblically legitimate evidences.

BST 702 Creation Science

3

This course is designed to introduce the student to major issues involving the doctrine of creation. The course will be based on a biblical perspective of ex-nihilo, six-day creation and universal Noahic flood. The course will also expose the student to the way that contemporary science (e.g., basic concepts from subjects like astronomy, physics, geology, archeology, genetics studies) offers credible support to the biblical account of cosmogony and cosmology.

BST 703 Cults and World Religions

3

An examination of the historical roots, origin, development, doctrines, leading personalities, and practices of the major religious cults in America. The course also suggests approaches for presenting the historic Christian faith to the members of various cults.

BST 704 Contemporary Theological Trends

3

A survey of the significant theological developments and positions which have achieved prominence during the 19th and 20th centuries. Emphasizes the contribution of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment to the development of modern religious liberalism, as well as an analysis of specific schools and representative theologians: Classic Modernism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Lundensianism, Neo-Liberalism, Existentialism, and the radical theologies of the last three decades.

BST 705 Spiritual Gifts

3

The major tenets of the contemporary charismatic movement are examined and critiqued in the light of Scriptural teaching on revelatory spiritual gifts, signs and wonders, tongues, prophecy, healings, the health and wealth movement, etc. Apostolic period and praxis is also given consideration as well as the importance and superiority of doctrine over experience and mysticism. The course includes an overview of the historical background and development of the charismatic movement. Substantial readings make the student aware of the literature available on this important subject. Students are required to draw up position statements on selected issues.

BST 710 Biblical Worldview

3

Outlines the differences between Christianity and other prominent worldviews vying for allegiance in Western culture: Islam, Postmodernism, Secular Humanism, Marxism, and New Age. Issues covered include: abortion, apologetics, the arts, biotechnology, critical thinking, cults, euthanasia, leadership, radical environmentalism, radical feminism, the problem of evil, religious pluralism, scriptural reliability, and more.

BST 715 Christian Ethics

3

An introduction to ethics from a distinctively Christian perspective. This course lays the theological foundation for Christian ethics and surveys major alternative non-Christian ethical systems. Building on this foundation, the students are required to engage with historic and contemporary ethical debates in order to develop the skill of honoring Jesus as Lord and applying the Scripture to all of life.

BST 801 Advanced Hermeneutics

3

A study and evaluation of recent trends in the field of hermeneutics along with new questions they raise regarding biblical inerrancy and interpretation. Multiple case studies in major contemporary theological trends help to elucidate and illustrate the dangers of these harmful hermeneutical trends. Prerequisite: BST 501

BST 845 Biblical Manners and Customs

3

A close look at manners and customs in the biblical setting and their contribution toward interpreting and understanding specific passages. The focus is directed toward aspects of culture in the habits of people, not aspects of physical geography such as topography, climate and rivers.

BST 850 Seminar in Bibliology

3

Selected issues concerning revelation, inspiration, canonicity, and illumination are researched, presented, and evaluated. Prerequisite: BST 501, 601.

BST 851 Seminar in Theology Proper

An in-depth study of selected topics relating to theology proper, with student papers concentrating on exegesis of key passages and on research relating to important historical debates. Prerequisite: BST 501, 601.

BST 852 Seminar in Christology

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3

An in-depth study of selected topics relating to Christology, with student papers concentrating on exegesis of key passages and on research relating to important historical debates. Prerequisite: BST 501, 603.

BST 853 Seminar in Pneumatology

3

A study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in both testaments, with special emphasis on His ministries in the present age. Prerequisite: BST 501, 603.

BST 854 Seminar in Anthropology/Harmartiology

3

A careful review of the biblical teachings about man and sin, with analysis of historical and current issues. Prerequisite: BST 501, 602.

BST 855 Seminar in Angelology

3

A study of the doctrines of the unfallen angels, the fallen angels, and Satan. Prerequisite: BST 501, 602.

BST 856 Seminar in Soteriology/Sanctification

3

An advanced study of the doctrine of salvation, focusing on the cross-work of Christ and the divine plan of salvation. Various viewpoints are critically analyzed. Prerequisite: BST 501, 603.

BST 857 Seminar in Ecclesiology

3

A careful study of key issues related to the doctrine of the church, with special attention given to the contemporary church growth movement. Prerequisite: BST 501, 604.

BST 858 Seminar in Eschatology/Dispensational Theology

3

An advanced study of eschatology, including student papers on kingdom of God, heaven, hell, the rapture, tribulation, the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrections, the eschatological judgments, and the eternal state. A study of contemporary issues in dispensational interpretations of Scripture, and critical interaction with other systems of theology. Prerequisite: BST 501, 604.

BST 901 Thesis First Draft

3

This class may serve as one of the electives for those pursuing the Bachelor of Biblical Studies, the Master of Biblical Studies, or the Master of Divinity. The thesis will consist of research and writing on an approved topic. The paper must be written in formal, Turabian style, and be between 75-150 pages. The student must follow the thesis guidelines provided by the advisor/professor. The first draft is a complete copy that is submitted to the advisor/professor for corrections, editing, and content analysis.

BST 902 Thesis Final Draft

3

In the final draft stage, the student takes the returned first draft and makes the recommended changes and corrections.

CH 501 Church History I: Pentecost to Reformation

3

A survey study designed to give the student a sense of perspective and appreciation of the church since the time of Christ. Primary attention is devoted to the major events, individuals, and issues which have played significant roles in the history of the church. Covers (1) Pentecost through the Ante-Nicene era (A.D. 33-325), (2) The Post-Nicene era (A.D. 325-500), (3) The Middle Ages (ca. 500-1500). Various theological events are highlighted such as Gnosticism, Arianism, Nestorianism, and Church Councils.

CH 502 Church History II: Reformation to Present Day

3

A survey study designed to give the student a sense of perspective and appreciation of the church from the days of the Reformation to the present time. Primary attention is devoted to the major events, individuals, and issues which have played significant roles in the history of the church. Ages and topics will include (1) the Reformation period (A.D. 1500-1648), (2) the Modern Age (A.D. 1648 to the present), (3) issues like Church Councils, Anabaptism, Catholicism, the Reformation, and the Puritans. The last period includes an exposure to American Christianity and the proliferation of denominations over the past centuries.

CH 601 Anabaptist History

3

This course presents a study of the origin, development, and distinctive theological perspectives of the Anabaptist movement, with special attention given to a comparison of its theology with Reformed theology.

CH 602 Reformation History and Theology

3

A study of the Reformation as it developed in Germany, Switzerland, England, France, and the Low Countries. The leading men and issues are examined.

CH 603 Puritan History and Theology

A study of the theological system emerging from the English Puritan tradition with emphasis given to the unique contributions made by the Puritans, and a biblical evaluation of their thought.

History of the Church Fathers

A seminar on patristic scriptural interpretation and theology. The focus of this class is upon the eight doctors of the early church, particularly Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzus, Basil of Caesarea, John Chrysostom, Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great. The student will get a history lesson about these eight men with the purpose of enlarging the students understanding of the men and their role in history. There will also be an examination of the contribution these 8 men had on the present doctrines of the Church, along with theological discussion about the main topics that these men formed.

American Church History

3

A study of the church in America from the time of British colonization until the mid-nineteenth century, with special attention given to the roots and varieties of American evangelicalism.

Biblical Principles of Leadership

3

Explores the biblical vision for what God intends leadership to be. Includes a focus on biblical attitudes, character qualities, priorities, values, and activities of a leader. This course will also explore biblical examples of both good and poor leadership while considering some of the peculiar pitfalls and temptations that go along with leading. Designed for anyone in a leadership role, whether in the home, at work, in the church, or in the community.

Exposition of Prayer FMT 502

A study of Old and New Testament prayers and of the scriptural teaching regarding prayer. The course is designed to impact the personal prayer life of the students and also to equip them for the responsibility of leading a congregation of believers in its prayer worship and ministry. Issues relating to the tensions with regard to the sovereignty of God, the responsibility of humans to pray and respond, and the role of the Holy Spirit, are evaluated.

Principles of Effective Bible Teaching

A study of the principles involved in a Christian philosophy of learning and teaching, and an evaluation of models for Bible lesson plans. The course includes instruction on how to outline Bible studies based upon a textual message or topical message format. It exposes the students to the concept of "line diagramming" so that textual messages are truly driven by the Words of the Holy Spirit. It exposes the student to "block diagramming" to help the student learn how to spot the main themes of larger narratives. The course will help equip students for teaching at the small group and Sunday School levels and familiarize the student with the use of visual aids so as to become a vibrant teacher at both the child and adult levels.

Biblical Principles on Marriage and Family

A class that is dedicated to helping God's people succeed in what is perhaps the most important and most difficult area of life. This course will include wide exposure to the directly relevant biblical texts and principles and it will also include significant amounts of personal interaction with the professor at a discipleship level. This course is designed to bless the student and also help equip him or her for discipling and counseling others in marriage and family issues.

Exposition of Pastoral Epistles

3

A penetrating investigation of passages in the Pastoral Epistles pertaining to church matters, e.g., eldership, women's role in Christian service, discipline, marriage and divorce among leaders, principles of godliness and leadership, and other crucial areas. Prerequisite: BST 501.

FMT 602 Evangelism and Discipleship

This course provides exposure to the basic process of evangelism and discipleship. It includes exposure to basic theological principles of evangelism as well as various practical lessons on good approaches to evangelism, i.e., how to "break the ice," how to ask probing questions, the "Roman's Road," the "Way of the Master," etc. The course will also teach students about the importance of follow up and basic principles and methods of discipleship so that mere "decision making" is not where evangelism stops.

FMT 603 Principles and Practices of Biblically Driven Youth Ministry

3

This course is designed to help the student develop a clearly understood, biblically driven philosophy of youth ministry. The student will be exposed to a variety of youth ministry concepts for the sake of analysis and evaluation. The goal is to help develop a clear biblical view of youth ministry for the purpose of identifying which kinds of principles and practices can be truly beneficial and which may ultimately be harmful for the discipleship process.

FMT 701 Principles of Biblical Counseling

3

This course covers topics such as the theological basis of discipleship/counseling, the definition of biblical counseling, the essentials for the discipler/counselor, a comparison of counseling philosophies, and the biblical view of change, guilt, and selfimage. Also included are the key elements of the counseling process, handling one's past and one's attitude (case studies are also discussed).

Applications of Biblical Counseling

This course continues FMT 701 with topics such as the theological basis of discipleship/counseling, the definition of biblical counseling, the essentials for the discipler/counselor, a comparison of counseling philosophies, and the biblical view of change, quilt, and self-image. Also included are the key elements of the counseling process, handling one's past and one's attitude (case studies are also discussed).

FMT 801 Homiletics 3

Instruction in homiletical methodology which emphasizes basic principles of sermonic organization. This course teaches the student how to integrate exegetical findings for clear and understandable teaching. Students will learn how to organize biblical and theological content and combine this content with illustrative and applicational points to produce a preaching that is thoroughly biblical, as well as thoroughly understandable and relevant. Requires actual preaching experiences, Prerequisites: BST 501, BST 601-601, FMT 503.

FMT 802 Ordination Preparation

3

Beginning with the biblical basis for ordination, the practical process for ordination is outlined. A thorough review is conducted of the student's personal life, ministry qualifications, and Bible knowledge. It is designed to functionally prepare the FRBI student at the highest level of excellence for entering ministry after graduation. Prerequisites: This class is for students who have completed their standard course of Bachelor's or Master's studies. It is conducted for the student on a directed, independent studies basis to help him make personal preparation for ordination by a local church.

FMT 901 Ministry Experience, 1

Courses FMT 901-904 give recognition for prior Christian ministry at the church or mission levels. 3 credits may be granted for three months of recognized Christian ministry with certain maximums. Documentation for such ministry must be provided, and such recognition is subject to approval by the Academic Dean. A maximum of 6 credits may be granted in the Master of Biblical Studies and Master of Divinity programs. A maximum of 12 credits may be granted in the Bachelors of Biblical Studies program.

FMT 902 Ministry Experience, 2

3

Provides three credits for recognition of Christian ministry beyond FMT 901.

FMT 903 Ministry Experience, 3

3

Provides three credits for recognition of Christian ministry beyond FMT 902.

FMT 904 Ministry Experience, 4

3

Provides three credits for recognition of Christian ministry beyond FMT 903.

New Testament I

The first of two core courses which together survey the entire New Testament, devoting special attention to the major lessons of each book. Also examines the historical, cultural, and geographical setting for the New Testament and for each book. Emphasizes both the understanding of the text and the applications to Christian living, and evaluates the major problems associated with each book. The first course covers the Gospels, Acts, and General Epistles.

NTE 502 **New Testament II**

3

The second of two core courses which together survey the entire New Testament, devoting special attention to the major lessons of each book. Also examines the historical, cultural, and geographical setting for the New Testament and for each book. Emphasizes both the understanding of the text and the applications to Christian living, and evaluates the major problems associated with each book. The second course covers the Pauline Epistles and Revelation.

NTE 504 Life of Christ

3

Examines the earthly life of our Lord, using a harmony of the Gospels as a basis for study. Evaluates historical, chronological, political, and geographic factors, but devotes primary attention to the theological issues relating to each event and discourse in the Gospels.

NTE 607

3

A study of the third Gospel with special attention devoted to the infancy narratives, the kingdom of God as in the parables, the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem, and the events leading to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

NTE 609

A course designed to acquaint the student with the genesis and progression of early Christianity. Devotes special attention to evangelistic methodologies and to the tensions and confusions with regard to what is normative or commanded versus what is transitional or occasional. Also includes a study of the chronology of key events in the life of the Apostle Paul.

NTE 615 Prison Epistles

3

A study of the letters of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon

NTE 620 Pastoral Epistles

3

An expositional analysis of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, with emphasis on the practical application of the instruction of these epistles for contemporary Christian living and pastoral responsibilities.

NTE 701 Romans I 3

The first of two courses which provide an expositional / exegetical examination of the book of Romans, with careful attention given to background, theme, and doctrinal issues and solutions. Relevant practical applications are also presented.

NTE 702 Romans II 3

The second of two courses which provide an expositional / exegetical examination of the book of Romans, with careful attention given to background, theme, and doctrinal issues and solutions. Relevant practical applications are also presented.

NTE 705 1 Corinthians I 3

This course provides an expositional / exegetical examination of this key epistle in the light of the social and moral issues of its time. Special focus is directed on the theological, ethical, and practical issues addressed in the book, such as those which involve the roles of men and women. Application to contemporary ecclesiastical and social issues is also evaluated.

NTE 710 Galatians 3

An exposition of the Epistle to the Galatians, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical values. Special attention is given to the major exegetical and theological problems.

NTE 715 Ephesians 3

An exposition of the Epistle to the Ephesians, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical values. Special attention is given to the major exegetical and theological problems.

NTE 801 Hebrews 3

An exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews with a view toward definitive interpretation. Special attention is given to linguistic style and to the interpretation of the important warning passages.

NTE 802 James 3

An exposition of the epistle, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical aspects. Special attention is given to the major interpretive issues.

NTE 803 1 Peter 3

An exposition of 1 Peter. Special attention is given to the examination of major syntactical and lexical problems as well as to the structure, argument and overall message of the book.

NTE 805 Revelation 3

An exposition emphasizing the literary structure, prominent systems of interpretation, exegetical problems, and theological values of this major book of prophecy.

NTL 501 Beginning Greek I

3

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek designed for those who have not had Greek and for those who have had some exposure to Greek but are unable to pass the proficiency examination. Emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, the basic principles of Greek syntax, and the effective use of lexical, grammatical, and syntactical tools. Includes translation of portions of the Greek New Testament.

NTL 502 Beginning Greek II

3

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek designed for those who have not had Greek and for those who have had some exposure to Greek but are unable to pass the proficiency examination. Emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, the basic principles of Greek syntax, and the effective use of lexical, grammatical, and syntactical tools. Includes translation of portions of the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTL 501.

NTL 503 Beginning Greek III

3

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek designed for those who have not had Greek and for those who have had some exposure to Greek but are unable to pass the proficiency examination. Emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, the basic principles of Greek syntax, and the effective use of lexical, grammatical, and syntactical tools. Includes translation of portions of the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTL 501 and 502.

NTL 601 Greek Exegesis I

3

These courses are designed to make Greek a useful tool for interpreting the New Testament. The first semester builds Greek vocabulary, increases confidence in translation, highlights the significance of important grammatical features and syntactical structures, and introduces the practice of exegetical procedures. The exegetical method employed is both synthetic and analytical, with primary applicability to the didactic and epistolary literature of the New Testament. The second semester provides extensive opportunity for the application of exegetical methodologies in careful study of several epistles from the following list: 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, James, and 1 Peter. Prerequisite: NTL 501-503.

NTL 602 Greek Exegesis II

3

These courses are designed to make Greek a useful tool for interpreting the New Testament. The first semester builds Greek vocabulary, increases confidence in translation, highlights the significance of important grammatical features and syntactical structures, and introduces the practice of exegetical procedures. The exegetical method employed is both synthetic and analytical, with primary applicability to the didactic and epistolary literature of the New Testament. The second semester provides extensive opportunity for the application of exegetical methodologies in careful study of several epistles from the following list: 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, James, and 1 Peter. Prerequisite: NTL 501-601.

NTL 603 Greek Exegesis III

3

These courses are designed to make Greek a useful tool for interpreting the New Testament. The first semester builds Greek vocabulary, increases confidence in translation, highlights the significance of important grammatical features and syntactical structures, and introduces the practice of exegetical procedures. The exegetical method employed is both synthetic and analytical, with primary applicability to the didactic and epistolary literature of the New Testament. The second semester provides extensive opportunity for the application of exegetical methodologies in careful study of several epistles from the following list: 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, James, and 1 Peter. Prerequisite: NTL 501-602.

NTL 701 Advanced Greek Grammar

3

A detailed study of the definitive works on the grammar of NT Greek with a view to providing a more confident approach to New Testament interpretation. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 702 New Testament Introduction

3

A study of General Introduction and Special Introduction to the New Testament, including the fields of canonicity, textual criticism, criticism of the Synoptic Gospels, and special introductory matters pertaining to the books of the New Testament. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 741 Exegesis of Mark

3

This course involves a detailed study of the Greek text of Mark with an examination of important introductory matters as well as major interpretive, grammatical and theological issues. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 755 Exegesis of the Synoptic Discourses

3

A study of the major discourses of Christ in the Synoptic Gospels. Principal attention is devoted to the Sermon on the Mount, the parables of the mysteries of the kingdom, and the Olivet Discourse. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 756 Exegesis of Romans 1-8

3

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of Romans 1-8, noting the structure and theological orientation of the chapters, and with special emphasis on the important teaching of the chapters with regard to man, sin, and salvation. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 757 Exegesis of Romans 9-16

3

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of Romans 9-16, noting the structure and theological orientation of the chapters, and with special emphasis on the important teaching of the chapters with regard to the role of Israel in God's plan and with regard to Christian deportment. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 763 Exegesis of Galatians

3

A careful consideration of the text of Galatians in the original language with special attention to the problems being addressed in the historical situation. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 764 Exegesis of Ephesians

3

A critical and exegetical study of the Epistle to the Ephesians, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical values. Special attention is given to the major exegetical and theological problems. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 766 Exegesis of Philippians

3

A careful analysis of the Greek text of the epistle, including an examination of each alternative solution in passages where interpretations differ. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 784 Exegesis of Hebrews

3

An examination of the Greek text with a view toward definitive interpretation. Special attention is given to linguistic style and to the interpretation of the important warning passages. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 785 Exegesis of James

3

An exegetical study of the epistle, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical aspects. Special attention is given to the major interpretive issues. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 786 Exegesis of 1 Peter

A detailed exegetical study of 1 Peter. Special attention is given to the examination of major syntactical and lexical problems as well as to the structure, argument and overall message of the book. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

NTL 789 Exegesis of the Apocalypse

3

An exegetical study of the Apocalypse based upon the Greek text. Special attention will be given to issues like authorship, literary structure, lexical and syntactical analysis. The student will also be instructed concerning various flawed hermeneutical concepts which seek to impose theological grids upon this book of prophecy. Prerequisite: NTL 501-603.

OTE 501 Old Testament Survey I

3

The first of three core courses which together survey the entire Old Testament, with a focus on understanding the major contents of each book. Examines literary structure, historical backgrounds, geographical settings, and parallel passages to enhance comprehension and application to contemporary issues and concerns. The first course covers the Torah (Genesis – Deuteronomy), the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings) & Ruth.

OTE 502 Old Testament Survey II

3

The second of three core courses which together survey the entire Old Testament, with a focus on understanding the major contents of each book. Examines literary structure, historical backgrounds, geographical settings, and parallel passages to enhance comprehension and application to contemporary issues and concerns. The second course covers the Writings (1 Chronicles – Song of Solomon).

OTE 503 Old Testament Survey III

3

The third of three core courses which together survey the entire Old Testament, with a focus on understanding the major contents of each book. Examines literary structure, historical backgrounds, geographical settings, and parallel passages to enhance comprehension and application to contemporary issues and concerns. The third course covers the Latter Prophets (both Major and Minor).

OTE 504 History of Israel

3

An examination of the history of God's chosen nation, Old Testament chronology, international relations, great national leaders, and the place of the prophets, beginning with the call of Abraham and ending with the Persian period.

OTE 505 Geography of the Holy Land

3

An examination of the history of God's chosen nation, Old Testament chronology, international relations, great national leaders, and the place of the prophets, beginning with the call of Abraham and ending with the Persian period.

OTE 601 Genesis

2

A study of the book of origins. This course includes an examination Genesis based on its commonly recognized topical divisions: (1) creation, the fall, the flood, the spread of the nations, and (2) the history of God's chosen nation Israel. The study includes exposure to Old Testament chronology, international relations, great national leaders, and the place of the prophets, beginning with the call of Abraham and ending with the Persian period.

OTE 602 Exodus and Leviticus

3

An analytical exposition of these two key Old Testament books, with special consideration of historical background, theme, interpretational difficulties, and the redemptive plan of God as evidenced and illustrated in the various aspects of the law, the priesthood, and the tabernacle. The theological dimensions of the books will be evaluated in the light of textual, historical, archaeological, and cultural perspectives.

OTE 604 Deuteronomy

3

An examination of the history of God's chosen nation, Old Testament chronology, international relations, great national leaders, and the place of the prophets, beginning with the call of Abraham and ending with the Persian period.

OTE 620 Ezra and Nehemiah

3

An expository study of the post-exilic experience of Israel as described by Ezra and Nehemiah. The major interpretive and applicational issues of these books will receive special attention.

OTE 625 Proverbs

3

An expositional study of the Book of Proverbs, with attention to the nature of Hebrew wisdom literature, the genre of proverbs, and the various hermeneutical approaches to this literature. Also emphasizes personal and homiletical applications to contemporary issues and relationships.

OTE 635 Ezekiel

3

A study of the life and times of Ezekiel, together with an exposition of the book. Solutions to key interpretive problems are evaluated, with applications to believers today highlighted.

OTE 650 Minor Prophets

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A study of the role and significance of the prophets in Israel's history, a survey of each book, including its political, social, and

OTE 660 Old Testament Christology

3

A study of the person and work of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. We will examine the pre-incarnate appearances of Christ in the OT, and their implications for doctrine, worship, and sanctification. Messianic texts that predict details of our Lord's life and ministry will be emphasized throughout. Other topics will include also include the covenants and institutions of Israel, Christ in the feasts of Israel, evangelism in the OT, and the relationship of the OT to the NT. We will conclude with practical applications of OT Christology as it impacts believers' Bible study, worship, and apologetics.

An examination of the structure and content of Psalm 119.

OTE 711 Ecclesiastes 3

An examination of the text, with comparisons to other wisdom literature, especially to Job. Special attention is given to the numerous textual allusions to Genesis 3, as well as the introductory matters of authorship and historical milieu.

OTE 811 Isaiah 3

An analytical study of the words of this great prophet. Examines the historical background, life, and message of this great prophet with special emphasis on his many messianic predictions.

OTE 815 Daniel 3

An expository study of this book, including an examination of the historical background, literary structure, prominent systems of interpretation, and thematic development. Emphasis is placed on the prophetic chronology and on the relationships with other prophetical portions of Scripture—in particular with the Olivet Discourse of our Lord and the Revelation.

OTE 825 Haggai / Malachi

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An exegetical examination of these post-exilic books. Careful attention is given to introductory, exegetical, and theological issues.

OTE 826 Zechariah 3

An expositional/exegetical examination of these post-exilic books. Careful attention is given to introductory, exegetical, and theological issues.

OTL 501 Beginning Hebrew I: Phonology / Morphology

3

An introduction to biblical Hebrew designed to equip the student with a basic vocabulary and an understanding of the essential principles of phonology, morphology, and syntax.

OTL 502 Beginning Hebrew II: Morphology

3

A continuation of the grammatical studies begun in Beginning Hebrew I with emphasis on reading selected portions of the Hebrew Old Testament, increasing vocabulary and learning the basic use of language tools. Prerequisite: OTL 501.

OTL 503 Beginning Hebrew III: Syntax

3

A continuation of the grammatical studies in Beginning Hebrew II with emphasis on reading selected portions of the Hebrew Old Testament, increasing vocabulary and learning the basic use of language tools. Prerequisite: OTL 501-502.

OTL 601 Hebrew Exegesis I

3

Designed to prepare the student for independent exegesis of the Hebrew text. Emphasizes principles of translation, syntactical analysis, and procedures in lexical word studies. Includes introduction to textual criticism, literary analysis, and relationship of ancient near eastern backgrounds to exegesis. Focuses on exegetical methodology with exposition as the goal. Prerequisite: OTL 501-503.

OTL 602 Hebrew Exegesis II

3

Designed to prepare the student for independent exegesis of the Hebrew text. Emphasizes principles of translation, syntactical analysis, and procedures in lexical word studies. Includes introduction to textual criticism, literary analysis, and relationship of ancient near eastern backgrounds to exegesis. Focuses on exegetical methodology with exposition as the goal. Prerequisite: OTL 501-601.

OTL 603 Hebrew Exegesis III: Hebrew Readings

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Geared for students having completed first year of Hebrew, this course emphasizes reading, translation and parsing, with attention given to exegetical observations. Prerequisite: OTL 501-602.

OTL 701 Advanced Hebrew Grammar

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Geared for students having completed first year of Hebrew, this course emphasizes reading, translation and parsing, with attention given to exegetical observations. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 702 Old Testament Introduction

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The course addresses the historical and cultural environment of the OT (Hebrew Bible), the composition of the OT and its literary genre; the canonical development of the OT, and OT textual-critical issues. Major contemporary interpretive and theological issues will be discussed, including an examination and evaluation of the contribution of the modern critical approaches. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 750 Exegesis of Daniel

3

An exegetical analysis of one of the most profound books of the Bible. Studies will be based on translation from the original Hebrew and Aramaic and include analysis of lexical and syntactical issues as well as issues of authorship and background, literary structure, and theological implications of all exegetical findings. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603, 801-802.

OTL 753 Exegesis of Zechariah

3

Careful exegetical and theological procedures are employed in examining the text of this important prophetic book for the purpose of exposing its meaning and significance for Zechariah's day, for the present, and for the future. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 755 Exegesis of Isaiah

3

Exegesis of selected portions of this book, one of the major literary and prophetic works of the Old Testament. The issues concerning historical background, authorship, and style are evaluated, but primary attention is focused on the key messianic sections of the book. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 761 Exegesis of Genesis 1-11

3

An exegetical analysis of the first eleven chapters of Genesis with emphasis on problems having interpretive and theological significance. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 768 Exegesis of Selected Psalms/Proverbs

3

An exegetical analysis of various Psalms or Proverbs as chosen by the instructor. The student will gain skills in use of Hebrew exegetical techniques and exposure to the theological riches of God's Wisdom Literature. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 769 Exegesis of Haggai and Malachi

3

An exegetical examination of these post-exilic books. Careful attention is given to introductory, exegetical, and theological issues. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 774 Exegesis of Psalm 119

3

An exegetical analysis of this masterful Psalm with all of its literary and theological depth. Attention will be given to the expositional significance of how this Psalm teaches the importance of the Word of God at work within the child of God. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 775 Exegesis of Ecclesiastes

3

An exegetical examination of the text, with comparisons to other wisdom literature, especially to Job. Special attention is given to the numerous textual allusions to Genesis 3, as well as the introductory matters of authorship and historical milieu. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 801 Beginning Aramaic I

3

An introduction to the grammar of biblical Aramaic. Includes translation of the Aramaic portions of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: OTL 501-603.

OTL 802 Beginning Aramaic II

3

A continuation of the grammar of biblical Aramaic. Includes translation of the Aramaic portions of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: OTL501-603.

WM 701 Theology of Missions

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A study of the biblical teaching and principles defining and undergirding the reality of missions, as well as a consideration of the missionary practices which arise therefrom. Includes an examination and critique of those issues affecting missions today, namely religious pluralism and ethnotheology, contextualization and indigenization, power-encounters and spiritual warfare.