New Testament

Introductory Courses

NT1151 and NT1152 Introduction to New Testament Greek  MoTuThFr 1:00-1:50pm
A yearlong introduction to the elements of New Testament Greek with emphasis on the mastery of forms, basic vocabulary, and syntax. Selected portions of the Greek New Testament are read in the second semester. The two semesters are designed to be taken in immediate sequence. If the sequence is interrupted, a placement examination must be taken before registering for the second semester of the course.

• This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
• 3 credits (each semester).
NT1151 – Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Bowens

NT1153 Greek Translation  TBA
Designed to enable students to acquire and maintain proficiency in the reading of Hellenistic Greek. Readings will come primarily from the Greek Bible, but will also include selected extra-biblical texts.

• This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
• Pass/D/Fail.
• Prerequisite: NT1152 or permission of the instructor.
• 1 credit.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Mary Schmitt

General Electives and Theme Courses
(Courses that do not fulfill close reading of the text requirement.)

NT3223 Hermeneutics and the History of Interpretation  We 8:30-11:20am
This course is designed to help students think critically and theologically about the Bible by exploring the different ways in which a number of important texts and themes have been interpreted throughout Christian history. By looking at the exegetical history of controversial texts and topics students will learn to appreciate the profound questions that attend moving from historical-critical exegesis to contemporary application. In each class we will (a) look at a number of related biblical texts, (b) consider the history of their interpretation, (c) attempt to understand that history of interpretation in terms of wider cultural and theological currents, and then finally (d) discuss and evaluate various contemporary readings. Topics will include women, hell, christology, and resurrection.

• This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
• Prerequisites: OT2101 and NT2101.
• 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Allison
English Exegesis courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement

**NT3310 Paul the Pastor**  MoTuTh 10:30-11:20am  
This exegetically based course will focus on particular texts in the Pauline letters and particular circumstances in the Pauline communities in order to clarify and reflect on the pastoral work of the Apostle Paul. Special prominence will be given to the Pauline homilies of John Chrysostom, who often interpreted Paul’s letters by reflecting on the character and work of Paul as a shaper of communities and as a guide in moral formation. We will also attend to the manner in which Paul relies on, but also transforms, ancient patterns of moral formation.
- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Parsenios

Language Exegesis Courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement

**NT3406 The Gospel of Mark**  Tu 2:00-4:50pm  
A study of the earliest Gospel, in which literary and historical approaches will be enlisted in engaging a contemporary audience with the goal of shaping a Christian theological imagination.
- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101 and NT1152.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Black

Course Cancelled – Dr. Dale Allison will be teaching a course on the historical Jesus in the spring semester.

**NT3450 The Historical Jesus**  Mo 2:00-4:50pm  
A struggle with the question of what can be known reliably about Jesus’ life and essential message. Through references to the Jewish literature contemporaneous with Jesus, with insights obtained from archaeological research, and by an in-depth exploration of selected New Testament texts especially, the course will search for the history behind and within the kerygmatic faith, including the dimension of history and faith in all credal formulae.
- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101 and NT1152.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Charlesworth

**NT3460 Ancient Artifacts, Texts, and Symbolism: A Re-examination of Christian Origins**  Mo 2:00-4:50pm  
In this seminar, artifacts will be examined in class as we attempt to enter the world that produced Isaiah, the Qumranites, Jesus, Paul, and the Evangelists. Ancient artifacts, dating from 4,000 BCE to 200 CE, will be examined in class. Coins will be held as we seek to appreciate how political powers expressed dominance with images and values. Animal images will be examined as we attempt to interpret what the artists may have intended and what those who viewed them assumed they could mean. Beside select biblical texts, Josephus’ historical works and some of the Pseudepigrapha, and Dead Sea Scrolls will be read. Such explorations in the phenomenology
of first-century culture, and an awareness of how symbology transcends particulars, will help the
student to understand humanity and not only the concept of the incarnation but the precursors to
the belief in ascensions to another world. In the process, the phenomology of language will
become apparent as we attend to the symbolic world of those behind and in the biblical stories.

• This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
• Prerequisites: NT2101 and NT1152.
• 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Charlesworth

Advanced Electives Courses (courses that do not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution
requirement)

**NT5049 Studies in Mark** Th 2:00-4:50pm
A review of recent Markan research and investigation into selected issues of literary analysis,
thetical interpretation, and historical reconstruction.

• Designed for Ph.D., Th.M., and advanced M.Div. students.
• Prerequisite for M.Div. students: permission of the instructor is required.
• 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Black

**NT5050 Early Judaism** Tu 2:00-4:50pm
What can be known about life, thought, and hope in Early Judaism (300 BCE–200 CE)? A study
of the major Jewish compositions during this period in search of a better perception of the
Judaism of Hillel and Jesus. Historical, archaeological, sociological, and theological perspectives
will be placed in conversation with literary readings of works that figured prominently in Jewish
thought. Focus on development of messianic ideas and beliefs about resurrection from the dead.
The student will better appreciate the diversity within Judaism of this period and explore what
unified most Jews.

• Designed for Ph.D., Th.M., and advanced M.Div. students.
• Prerequisite for M.Div. students: permission of the instructor is required.
• 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Charlesworth

PhD Seminars

**NT9021 Earliest Christianity in Its Greco-Roman Context** Tu 2:00-4:50pm
Exploration of the Hellenistic and Roman worlds as context for the rise and development of
earliest Christianity. Topics to be addressed include political and economic history, social
relations, and Hellenistic-Roman philosophy and religion. Intensive reading in primary and
secondary sources. 3 credits. Designed for Ph.D., Th.M., and advanced M.Div. students.
Prerequisite for M.Div. students: permission of the instructor. 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Parsenios

**NT9049 Studies in Mark** Th 2:00-4:50pm
A review of recent Markan research and investigation into selected issues of literary analysis,
thetical interpretation, and historical reconstruction. 3 credits.
Monday, June 3, 2013

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Black

**NT9090 New Testament Research Colloquium   Fr 1:00-2:50pm; dates to be announced**
Set to meet six times over two semesters, this graduate seminar offers participants opportunities to explore various aspects of New Testament and related research through papers, prepared responses, and discussions. The goal of the seminar is to foster scholarly research and discourse in a creative, rigorous, and collegial way. Yearlong course. 2 credits, one credit each semester. S/U only.
Fall and Spring Semesters, 2013–2014; Staff

**NT/OT9095 Issues and Methods   Fr 1:00-2:50pm; dates to be announced**
Set to meet five times during the academic year, this seminar offers doctoral candidates introductions to the history of research, critical issues, and contemporary questions in the literature of the Bible, which are covered over a period of two years. S/U only. 2 credits, one credit each semester.
Fall and Spring Semesters, 2013–2014; Staff