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).

NT1152 Spring 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 extrabiblical texts.

- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- Prerequisite: NT1152 or permission of the instructor.
- 1 credit.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; **Ms. Mary Schmitt**

**NT2101 Introduction to the New Testament**  MoWeTh 10:30-11:20am
This course will provide an introduction to the New Testament by (1) developing a basic knowledge of the New Testament writings with respect to their literary and theological characteristics, (2) providing insight into the cultural and religious matrix of early Christianity, (3) introducing the academic study of the New Testament and the art and methods of exegesis. A consistent concern throughout will be the integration of exegesis, theology, and life in Christ.

- This course is required of all M.Div. and M.A. students in their first year.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; **Mr. Black**

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

**NT3210 The New Testament in the Greco-Roman World**
The writings of the New Testament express the timeless truth of the Gospel in a particular time and place in human history, a period that was dominated by Roman power and by Greek culture. We will explore the place of Christianity within the Greek cities of the Roman Empire, in order to illuminate various aspects of early Christian literature, including but not limited to: the literary and rhetorical shape of the biblical books; the social and political world of the earliest Christians.
and the struggles inherent in their conversion; the religious realities that lie behind certain biblical debates; the philosophical trends in the broader culture that, to a greater or lesser degree, are engaged in the biblical books. A consistent concern will be to see how Christians used the common tools of the world around them for the uncommon task of teaching and spreading the Gospel.

- This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Parsenios

**NT3250 The Quest for the Historical Jesus.**
This course is designed to familiarize students with the issues involved in and generated by the so-called quest for the historical Jesus. The course will first offer an historical overview of the history of the quest that focuses on major contributors. It will then turn to issues of methodology. Finally, it will examine several fundamental topics, including the kingdom of God, Jesus' self-conception, and his last week in Jerusalem. Students will also be encouraged to think through the difficult issues surrounding the recovery of ancient history and also to reflect upon the theological meaning, if any, of the quest.

- This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Allison

**English Exegesis courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement**

**NT3326 The Johannine Epistles**
A close analysis of the three epistles of John, with attention to a broad range of historical, literary, and theological issues designed to illuminate the importance of these epistles for Christian faith and life.

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

Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Parsenios

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

**OT/NT3409 Introduction to the Greek Old Testament**
This is an introductory course on the Greek translations of the Old Testament (“the Septuagint”), which served as the Bible for the early church. In addition to grammar and reading of selected texts, the course will address such topics as translation methodologies, the use of the Greek translations for textual criticism, the translations as reception, and questions of canon. Students will be introduced to the tools for the study of the Greek Old Testament and will have numerous opportunities to employ these tools.

- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: OT1152 and NT1152.
- 3 credits.
**NT3417 Greek Exegesis of 2 Corinthians 10-13.**
Students will engage in a close reading of the Greek text of 2 Corinthians 10-13 and will learn how to read the biblical text closely and to interpret the text in light of its cultural and historical contexts. These contexts include an examination of the cosmological, epistemological, and anthropological language of the text and the relationship of this language to other texts roughly contemporaneous with Paul. The course readings will expose students to the historical and cultural background of first century Corinth and the variety of ways chapters 10-13 have been analyzed and interpreted. A significant aspect of the historical and cultural contexts of these chapters will be enlightened by reading sections of additional ancient texts, such as the Hodayot. Through exegesis students will explore Paul’s language in his first century context and investigate its relationship to contemporary contexts.

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

**Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Ms. Bowens**

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

**NT5020 Biblical Theology**
A review of the history of research and the background of major theological concepts, an examination of the diverse theologies, and a search for the heart of biblical theology.

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

**Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Black**

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**NT5950 The Gospel of Matthew**
This class will involve detailed examination of selected portions of Matthew, with a focus on the history of interpretation and the contributions of modern scholarship. Special emphasis will be given to the passion narrative and the Sermon on the Mount. The course is designed to increase the students' knowledge of Matthew, to introduce them to the history of its interpretation throughout the last 2,000 years, to acquaint them with modern critical scholarship on Matthew, and to encourage them to reflect on the meaning of Matthew for their own lives and contemporary society.

- Designed for Ph.D., Th.M and advanced MDiv students
- Prerequisites for MDiv and ThM students: NT2101, NT1152 and permission of instructor.
- 3 credits.

**Spring Semester, 2013-2014. Mr. Allison**

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*PhD Seminars*
NT9020 Biblical Theology II
A review of the history of research and the background of major theological concepts, an examination of the diverse theologies, and a search for the heart of biblical theology. Designed for Ph.D., Th.M., and advanced M.Div. students. Prerequisite for M.Div. students: permission of the instructor. 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Black

NT9050 The Gospel of Matthew
This class will involve detailed examination of selected portions of Matthew, with a focus on the history of interpretation and the contributions of modern scholarship. Special emphasis will be given to the passion narrative and the Sermon on the Mount. The course is designed to increase the students' knowledge of Matthew, to introduce them to the history of its interpretation throughout the last 2,000 years, to acquaint them with modern critical scholarship on Matthew, and to encourage them to reflect on the meaning of Matthew for their own lives and contemporary society. 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013-2014. Mr. Allison

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

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• This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
• 3 credits (each semester).
NT1153 Greek Translation
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 extrabiblical 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; Staff

NT/OT3380 Biblical Theology and Practice of Ministry (English)
Exegesis of selected Old and New Testament texts in theological and practical dialogue with one another and with contemporary ministry situations and struggles. Designed to help students use scripture as a theological resource for shaping and guiding parish ministry. Topics will include issues of life and death, church and state, worship and sacraments, and law and gospel. Weekly use of case studies.
  • This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
  • Prerequisites: OT2101 and NT2101.
  • 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Black

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

NT3405 Exegesis of the Gospel of John
The Gospel of John holds in tension what appear to be competing theological visions. It expresses, for instance, both high and low Christology, both future and realized eschatology, both positive and negative evaluations of Jesus’ “signs,” etc. Interpreters often ease this tension by deciding that only one side of each issue represents the “real” thought of John. This course will take seriously the tension, however, not by erasing it, but by demonstrating how the apparently tensive elements force one to a higher level of theological reflection. We will also reflect on how the Gospel’s literary qualities contribute to its unique theological expression.
Prerequisites: NT2101 and NT1152.
3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Parsenios

A study of the first volume of Luke Acts, 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, 2014-2015; Mr. Black
Advanced Electives

**NT5040 Advanced Greek Reading**
Grammatical and syntactical analysis and reading of more difficult religious and philosophical Greek texts from the Classical and Hellenistic periods.
- Enrollment is open to Ph.D. candidates in Biblical Studies; M.Div. and Th.M. students may enroll with permission of the instructor.
- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Staff

Spring Semester
2014-2015

Introductory Courses

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- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- 3 credits (each semester).
NT1152 – Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Parsenios

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- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- Prerequisite: NT1152 or permission of the instructor.
- 1 credit.
Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Staff

**NT2101 Introduction to the New Testament**
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- This course is required of all M.Div. and M.A. students in their first year.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Parsenios
Wednesday, June 5, 2013

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

**NT3232 What is “Love”?**
What is — Love? This class critically examines the diversity of relationships represented by—love, as expressed in biblical passages like Lev 19, 1Cor 13, and the commandment of love in the Gospel of John. To what extent is love (ahava, hesed, eros, agape, philia), according to our biblical traditions, the foundation of hope? The course begins with a search for comprehending—love from Plato to Fromm and will include a component on preaching (e.g., How can we preach — love of enemies? today?).
- This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: OT2101 and NT2101.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester 2014- 2015; Mr. Charlesworth

English Exegesis Courses
(Courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement.)

**NT3381 The Biblical and Shakespearean Visions**
An inquiry into alternative views of God and the human condition suggested by Shakespearean drama and the English Bible, contrasting such works as King Lear with the Book of Job and The Merchant of Venice with Matthew’s gospel. Close study of literary qualities shared and divergent, theological assumptions, and their influence on contemporary thought.
- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Black

Language Exegesis Courses
(Courses that do fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement.)

**NT3411 The Parables of Jesus**
An exegetical and theological study of the parables in Mark, Matthew, and Luke, with attention to their historical setting, theological emphases, and hermeneutical implications.
- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: NT2101, N1152.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Black

Advanced Electives

PhD Seminars

**NT9035 The Apocalypse and the Apocalypses**
An intensive exegetical study of the Apocalypse of John and a comparison of this apocalypse with roughly contemporaneous Jewish apocalypses (e.g., 1 Enoch 37-71, 4 Ezra, 2 Baruch, Apocalypse of Abraham). 3 credits