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; Staff

**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.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Staff

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

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

**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

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

**NT5050 Early Judaism**  
We 8:30-11:20am

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**  
Fr 8:30-11:20pm

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, theological interpretation, and historical reconstruction. 3 credits.

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

Introductory Courses

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• This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
• 3 credits (each semester).
NT1152 Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Staff

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 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.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Staff

NT2101 Introduction to the New Testament
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

**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.

Spring 2013-2014; Mr. Dewrell

Advanced Courses

**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

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

**2014-2015**

**Fall Semester**

Introductory Courses
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  • This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
  • 3 credits (each semester).
NT1151 – Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Parsenios

NT1153 Greek Translation
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  • 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 tense 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

**NT1153 Greek Translation**
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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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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, 2014-2015; Mr. Parsenios

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

**NT903 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

Spring Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Charlesworth