NEW TESTAMENT

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Courses

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NTST606 (2–3)
Formation and History of the New Testament

NTST677 (2–3)
Seminar in New Testament Issues
Topics announced in the Class Schedule. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

NTST930 (3)
Seminar in New Testament Spirituality
Designed for cohorts in the PhD in Religious Education program. Explores how the study of the New Testament produces spiritual transformation in the lives of its readers.

Exegesis

Language prerequisites for courses in this section should be noted carefully.

NTST509 (3)
Pauline Writings
Interpretation and theology of the writings of the Apostle Paul, with detailed exegesis of selected passages. Prerequisite: Must have met the intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST510 (3)
Gospels
Interpretation and theology of the four Gospels, with detailed exegesis of selected passages. Prerequisite: Must have met the beginning Greek requirement or be enrolled in NTST551.

NTST525 (2)
Revelation
An exegetical approach to the book of Revelation, with special emphasis on selected passages. Prerequisite: Must have met the beginning Greek requirement or be enrolled in NTST551.

NTST543 (2)
Acts and General Epistles
Interpretation of the book of Acts and the General Epistles of the New Testament, with detailed exegesis of selected passages. Prerequisite: Must have met the intermediate Greek requirement or be enrolled in NTST552.

NTST550 (2–3)
Exegesis of the English New Testament:
Topics identical to NTST500-level exegesis courses. The same subject cannot be repeated with the other 500-level course number. Does not presuppose Greek proficiency nor count toward MDiv core requirements or emphases, nor the MA major or minor in New Testament. Repeatable with a different subject area.

NTST645 (2–3)
Hebrews
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST646 (2–3)
Studies in New Testament Exegesis
Studies in hermeneutical principles and procedures requisite to New Testament interpretation and/or in various sections of the New Testament. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST653 (2–3)
Advanced Studies in the General Epistles
The epistle(s) chosen from among James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude, and 1–3 John announced in advance. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST655 (2–3)
Advanced Studies in the Gospels
The Gospel(s) to be studied are announced in advance. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST658 (2–3)
Advanced Studies in the Pauline Writings
The letter(s) of Paul to be studied are announced in advance. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST678 (2–3)
Seminar in Greek Exegesis
Particular books or passages to be exegeted are announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST940 (3)
Seminar in New Testament Exegesis and Hermeneutics:
Exegesis in New Testament books or passages and/or studies in particular topics such as the history of New Testament exegesis and hermeneutics. Repeatable.

Theology

NTST567 (2–3)
Theology of the English New Testament
Topics identical to NTST600-level theology courses. Does not presuppose Greek proficiency nor count toward MDiv core requirements or emphases, nor the MA major or minor in New Testament. Repeatable with a different subject area.

NTST616 (2–3)
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.
NTST630 (2–3)
Theology of the Synoptic Gospels
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST634 (2–3)
Theology of the Pauline Epistles
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST641 (2–3)
Theology of the Johannine Writings
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST657 (2–3)
Theology of Hebrews
Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST667 (2–3)
Topics in New Testament Theology

NTST668 (2–3)
New Testament Ethics

NTST676 (2–3)
Jesus in Recent Scholarship
Advanced studies in the person and proclamation of Jesus and the ways Jesus has been understood in various, significant 'lives' of Jesus, including current Jewish assessments. Seeks to give a biblical answer to Jesus' question, “Who do you say that I am?”. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST679 (2–3)
Seminar in New Testament Theology and Ethics
An examination of one or more major theological or ethical themes of the New Testament. Particular themes announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

NTST945 (2–3)
Seminar in Biblical Theology
Major theological themes and thought patterns of the Bible with special attention to such subjects as the unity of the Bible, the relation between the testaments, and biblical authority. Identical to OTST945. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Must have met the Intermediate Greek requirement.

Historical Background and Christian Origin

NTST515 (2–3)
New Testament Backgrounds
The political, cultural, and religious situation in the New Testament world, with an introduction to the major primary sources.

NTST615 (2–3)
New Testament Archaeology
A study of the archaeological evidence that contributes to a better understanding of the political, religious, and cultural context in which the New Testament was written.

NTST626 (2–3)
Seminar in Classical Jewish Literature
Reading in classical religious texts of Judaism. Sources include liturgical, Hellenistic, Rabbinic, and medieval texts. Required languages vary according to the subject matter. Repeatable. Identical to OTST626.

NTST635 (2–3)
Intertestamental Period
The political, cultural, and religious history of the Near East as it relates to the Jews from Alexander the Great to the destruction of Jerusalem.

NTST654 (2–3)
Second Century Christianity
A study of the line of development from the writings and communities of the New Testament to the literature and movements of the post-apostolic period.

NTST680 (2–3)
Greco-Roman World
Aspects of the culture, history, and religion of the Greco-Roman world bearing on New Testament interpretation.

NTST684 (2–3)
Judaism and the New Testament
A study of the Jewish background of the New Testament, including the contemporary history, culture, religion, and literature.

Languages

NTST551 (2)
Beginning Greek
An introduction to the grammar and syntax of New Testament Greek for students without a working knowledge of the language.

NTST552 (3)
Intermediate Greek
Completes the coverage of grammar and syntax and includes extensive reading in the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTST551 or equivalent.

NTST608 (2–3)
Advanced Greek Grammar and Syntax
An intense and rigorous course to give students high proficiency in the Koine Greek of the New Testament and cognate literature. It presupposes a knowledge of vocabulary and paradigms equivalent to that attained by successfully completing NTST552.
NTST618  Syriac  (2–3)
Basic elements of grammar and syntax with a practical vocabulary; attaining proficiency in reading to enable continued independent study; comparisons with Hebrew for a better understanding of biblical Hebrew in its Semitic setting. Repeatable.

NTST665  Coptic  (2–3)
Basic elements of Coptic grammar and syntax, readings in the Coptic New Testament and other Coptic literature.

NTST696  Seminar in Hellenistic Greek  (2–3)
Selected readings in and analysis of various sources such as the Greek New Testament, Septuagint, papyri, Josephus, Philo, Apostolic Fathers, or related texts. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

Individual Studies

NTST690  Independent Study  (1–4)
Research on an individual basis dealing with problems in the field of the New Testament. Open only to students who have completed basic courses in New Testament. Repeatable. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

NTST890  Directed Reading in New Testament Studies  (1–8)
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

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Courses  (Credits)

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OTST500  Survey of the Old Testament  (2–3)
An introductory survey of the history, literature, and backgrounds of the Old Testament for students who have not had such a course on the college level.

OTST515  Introduction to Middle Eastern Languages, Culture and History  (2–3)
An introduction to the languages and/or culture and history of the Middle East, this course is designed to provide a practical general background for students who plan to conduct work or research on or in selected Middle Eastern countries. Repeatable.

OTST570  Readings in the Old Testament (English)  (2–3)
Covers selected books/passages of the Old Testament, based primarily on the English text with reference to the Hebrew/Aramaic original, normally offered off campus for the MA Min. students and others who have not taken Hebrew. Not applicable for MDiv credit. Repeatable.

OTST607  Preaching from the Old Testament  (2–3)
An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to CHMN607.

OTST640  The Old Testament and Its Translations  (2–3)
A non-technical survey of the text transmission from antiquity to the present. The terminology and particularities of recent Hebrew Bible editions. Examination in various modern translations of Old Testament passages of textual and theological interest.

OTST659  Studies in Old Testament Issues  (2–3)
A study of selected issues such as the formation of the Old Testament canon, questions of introduction, historicity of Genesis 1–11, Messianism, and Old Testament eschatology. Repeatable.

OTST820  Textual Criticism  (3)
Detailed comparative textual examination of challenging