

NETE 60003

Introduction to the New* Testament
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:45

Instructor: Jeremy L. Williams, Ph.D.

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content:

This course seeks to introduce students to the academic study of the New* Testament. This will involve reading most of the books of the New* Testament as well as some non-canonical texts. Also, this class will present a mixture of methodologies for students to employ in their engagement with the New* Testament. Such methodologies include: womanist interpretation, feminist rhetorical frameworks, archaeological and material culture approaches, historical criticism, postcolonial theory, gender and sexuality studies, and ethnic minoritized criticisms from African American, Latinx, and Asian American contexts.

This course endeavors to acquaint students with the world that produced the texts of the New* Testament. It also seeks to guide students into being thoughtful, self-aware, close readers of the New* Testament. This course aims for students to observe the complicated legacy of the New* Testament's texts so that they can be responsible interpreters for themselves, their religious communities, and their world.

Class Procedures:

This course is a twice-a-week lecture-centered course that anticipates active engagement in discussion posts and thoughtful questions in class. Students will be assessed by how well they employ the exegetical skills evidenced in a Box Method Exegesis worksheet (which they will learn more about in class) and paper writing. Students will also have a midterm and final exam.

Requirements:

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Weekly discussion posts
3. Completing and submitting a Box Method Exegesis worksheet
4. Mid-term examination
5. Exegesis writing that can be either two exegesis papers or one longer paper
6. Final examination

Texts:

True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary, Brian Blount, ed. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007).

ISBN: 0800634217

Cost: \$27.49

New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version

ISBN-13: 978-0190276089

Hardcover Cost: \$30.40

Kindle edition: 9.99

Grading Procedures:

Participation and attendance	15%
Weekly discussion posts	10%
Box Method Exegesis worksheet	10%
Exegesis writing (2500-3000 words)	25%
Mid-term Exam	15%
Final Exam	25%