COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a senior level course designed to provide students with the opportunity to (1) advance in fundamental exegetical skills, (2) engage exegetical issues related to biblical and systemic theology, and (3) develop a sense of the role of biblical exegesis in ministry. According to the catalogue, “Attention is given to maintaining skill in the original languages and applying them to broader questions such as unity and diversity within Scripture, the relationship of Old and New Testament studies, the interaction of biblical and theological studies, and the place of Scripture in pastoral ministry. Prerequisites include Hebrew 1 and 2 and Greek 1 and 2. Preliminary courses in Hebrew and Greek exegesis are also helpful. 3 credit hours.

COURSE PROTOCOLS

1. *Grading Schedule.* The letter grading scale is stipulated by the institutional catalogue and is summarized below.

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2. *Attendance and Late Assignments.* Attendance is a requirement. Due to the nature of the course offering, unexcused absence is not permitted. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for each class session. Late assignments are docked one letter grade per day.

3. *Special Needs.* In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.

4. *Disclaimer.* This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, during the course of the term, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of events and circumstances that occur during the semester.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Class Attendance.** Attendance is the first requirement. Because of the intensive nature of this course and the required afternoon labs, students must be present for the scheduled meeting times. Unexcused absences are not permitted. Students missing more than three hours of the course (for any reason) will be dropped.

2. **Course Reading: Secondary Literature.** Students are required to read 1,500 pages in secondary literature. The following list of “required reading” meets this requirement and is designed to reflect the course needs. However, students may elect to modify this list based upon previous reading experience or planned future study. Changes to this list require PRIOR approval by the course instructor. This course requirement is worth 15% of the final course grade.

3. **Course Reading: Primary Literature.** Students are required translate Hebrew and Greek texts in preparation for the daily ABE labs (see course schedule). Additional translation work is required for the final ABE project. This course requirement is worth 15% of the final course grade.

4. **ABE Lab Work.** Each afternoon, Tuesday through Friday, students will work in an exegetical lab environment with instructor supervision. This is perhaps the most important part of the course as students will engage in “real-time” exegetical work both individually and in groups. Preparation of biblical texts beforehand is required (see above) and lab work will be evaluated by peers and the instructor. This course requirement is worth 20% of the final course grade.

5. **Exam.** There will be one course exam scheduled later in the summer. This exam will cover class lectures, Hebrew and Greek translations, and the required reading. This course requirement is worth 20% of the final course grade.

6. **ABE Exegesis Paper.** Select a NT passage that quotes an OT text and write a 20-30 page exegesis paper on this passage. The emphasis in the paper should be on the NT use of the OT text. Additional instruction, resources, and guidelines will be provided by the course instructor during week that the course meets. See also “resources for ABE exegesis paper” below. This requirement is worth 30% of the final grade.

REQUIRED READING


**ADDITIONAL TEXT RESOURCES**
*Each day of the class, students will be required to bring a Hebrew Bible (OT), a Greek Bible (NT), and an English Bible. Students will also need to bring a standard Hebrew and Greek Lexicon. These resources must be printed volumes (not electronic). The following texts are recommended.*


**Resources for the ABE Exegesis Paper**


**COURSE SCHEDULE: JUNE 9-13**

**Monday**
9:00-12:00 Introduction, Syllabus, and Biblical Languages
1:00-5:00 Macro-Canonical Hermeneutics and Biblical Exegesis

Homework Translate: Hebrew and Greek Texts for Phrasing

**Tuesday**
9:00-12:00 Textual Analysis: Phrasing
1:00-5:00 ABE Lab: Phrasing

Homework Translate: Hebrew and Greek Texts for Verbal Analysis

**Wednesday**
9:00-12:00 Textual Analysis: Hebrew and Greek Verb Systems
1:00-5:00 ABE Lab: Phrasing and Grammatical Analysis

Homework Translate: Hebrew and Greek Texts for Text Criticism

**Thursday**
9:00-12:00 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew and Greek Bible
1:00-5:00 ABE Lab: Text Critical Problems

Homework Translate: Hebrew and Greek Texts for Septuagint

**Friday**
9:00-12:00 Advanced Biblical Exegesis and Sermon Preparation
1:00-5:00 ABE Lab: Sermon Preparation (Annual/Weekly)