

BIB - BIBLE

BIB 1001 Old Testament History and Religion (FE) (2 Units)

Within the context of the history of Israel, an overview of the literature of the Old Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes.

BIB 1002 New Testament History and Religion (FE) (3 Units)

Within the context of Christian origins, an overview of the canonical literature of the New Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes.

BIB 2040 Reading Scripture Faithfully (3 Units)

An exploration of the methods and approaches for engaging the Bible faithfully in relationship to Christian faith and practice; its nature, context, and origins; and its reception in global contexts, with attention to justice, gender, race, and class.

Prerequisite(s): BIB 1001 or BIB 1002

BIB 3043 The Bible, Environment, and Creation Care: Ecological Interpretation of Scripture (3 Units)

An exegetical and theological study of issues pertaining to the interdependent systems of life on earth in light of the biblical witness to God's creation and new creation. Scriptural resources for the Christian pursuit of environmental justice will receive attention.

BIB 3065 Apocalyptic Literature: Daniel, Revelation, and Their Interpretation (3 Units)

A study that focuses on the two apocalyptic texts within the Christian canon, Daniel and Revelation, with reference to the cultural environment and noncanonical apocalypses that facilitate responsible interpretation. This complex collection of Jewish and Christian literature utilizes rich, multi-layered imagery to convey the mysterious ways of God in times of trial.

BIB 3078 Old Testament Psalms and Wisdom Literature: Worship and Wisdom in a World of Suffering and Injustice (3 Units)

A study of the psalms and wisdom literature from their ancient Near Eastern antecedents to second century Judaism and Christianity, with attention to the ongoing realities of grief, suffering, and injustice in the world.

Prerequisite(s): BIB 1001 or BIB 1002

BIB 4001 Jesus and the Gospels: Four Portraits of One Christ (3 Units)

A study of the content, theological perspectives, relationships, and reception of the canonical Gospels. This class asks the driving questions: Who is Jesus? How do the Gospels reveal the life, ministry, and death of Jesus? The heart of the course is growing in understanding of and reverence for the Christ of history and faith.

Prerequisite(s): BIB 1001 or BIB 1002

BIB 4002 The Letters of Paul: Faith, Hope, and Love Across Distance and Difference (3 Units)

How do followers of Christ live in step with the Holy Spirit? A study of Paul's letters to far-flung churches around the ancient Mediterranean, most of which he founded and nurtured as a missionary pastor.

Prerequisite(s): BIB 1001 or BIB 1002

BIB 4014 Old Testament Prophets and the Holy Imagination: Power, Gender, Justice, and Economics (3 Units)

A study of the prophetic phenomena in the Old Testament, setting each book in its historical and canonical context, with attention to how these books speak to ancient and contemporary issues related to power, gender, justice, and economics.

Prerequisite(s): BIB 1001 or BIB 1002

BIB 4045 Topics in Theological Interpretations of Scripture (3 Units)

A study of Christian Scripture that engages a selected theological theme(s) or mode of interpretation in relation to Christian faith and practice.

May be repeated up to a total of nine (9) units.

BIB 4053 Biblical Historiography: Old Testament Historical Books and the Book of Acts (3 Units)

An intertestamental approach to canonical historiographical texts focusing on selective representatives among these diverse narrative accounts. Students engage in exegetical and theological studies of Old Testament historical narrative materials (Joshua through 2 Kings) and the New Testament Acts of the Apostles. The course will invest special attention to the ways historical accounts convey theological claims about God and God's formation of a people.

BIB 4055 Old Testament Pentateuch: Genesis through Deuteronomy (3 Units)

An exegetical and theological study of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament. The course introduces the content, movement, context, and significance of the narrative and legal materials that form the first division of Hebrew Scripture (Torah). Attention also is paid to biblical and archaeological data related to the origins of Israel and its literature.

BIB 4090 Special Studies in Bible (1-3 Units)

An investigation of a topic in biblical studies not otherwise covered in the curriculum.

May be repeated up to a total of nine (9) units.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry