

## **BI 450/550D NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION**

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Prerequisites: BI 502 (Greek I) and BI 504 (Greek II) or equivalent

3 Credits: letter grade only (UDTS)

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### **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

As the outcome of these studies the instructor envisions students with (1) an increased knowledge of New Testament content, (2) a sharpened ability to determine the meaning of this content by the use of sound principles of historical/critical interpretation, and (3) an increased ability to think theologically about the N.T., especially as it relates to issues in pastoral ministry.

The weekly units will study the books of the New Testament in canonical order based upon Raymond Brown's *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Additional methodological, historical and theological issues, such as the quest for the historical Jesus, textual criticism of the New Testament, source, form and redaction criticism of the Synoptic Gospels, the nature of biblical authority, etc., will be pursued when appropriate. Careful attention will be given both to the New Testament itself and to important secondary sources. Weekly assignments in New Testament Greek will be given.

This course helps fulfill the following UDTS M.Div. curricular goals (emphasis added):

1. *Be formed by, live in, and minister out of Scripture* and the historical and theological tradition of the Church.
2. *Interpret the Christian Scriptures through faithful exegesis and in light of the Christian tradition.*
3. *Preach the Word of God with faithfulness and clarity*
4. *Evangelize the world with faithfulness and contextual sensitivity*
5. *Engage contemporary theological and ethical issues with insight and humility.*
6. *Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry.*

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION**

Evaluation of the student's work will be based on his/her workshop participation, written examinations at suitable intervals in the course of the term, and an exegetical or reaction paper.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY** (tentative)

Raymond Brown, *An Introduction to the New Testament*.

Bailey and Vander Broek, *Literary Forms in the New Testament*.

Bible, *Oxford Annotated with Apocrypha, New Revised Standard Version*.

Michael Gorman, *Elements of Biblical Exegesis*

Bible, Greek

