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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form.

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information

BI-2280 Hermeneutics/Bible Study Methods, 3 credit hours

Course Description

An examination of the principles and practices of biblical interpretation, as well as the primary tools for biblical research. Introduction to the history of interpretation and a defense of the literal-historical-grammatical approach. Hermeneutical strategies are used to interpret various literary genres, examine historical and literary contexts, analyze structural relationships, perform word studies, and develop principles for practical application.

Prerequisites: BI-1111 Old Testament Survey, BI-1112 New Testament Survey, and MS-1102 Studying and Teaching the Bible.

Course Objectives

By the completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Articulate a strategy to manage and cultivate the necessary practices and attitudes of Christian interpreters
2. Summarize the major trends in the history of biblical interpretation
3. Employ a consistent, historical-grammatical hermeneutic in the interpretation of biblical texts
4. Reflect on the implications of a given interpretation for yourself, your local church and the universal Church
5. Evaluate the insights of various primary and secondary sources and incorporate these insights into one's interpretation of the biblical text

Course Materials (required)

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

NOTE: Additional content or links to Internet content may be required and will be provided in the course.

Course Work

See the Syllabus page in the Blackboard course for general assignment instructions.

All course work is due according to the **Course Checklist**.

A. CLASS PARTICIPATION: Active participation is expected in this online course. Participation includes two main areas: content expectations (reading/listening/watching) and reflection papers (student interaction with a related topic for the lesson). Class Participation contributes significantly to the final course grade.

1. **Content Expectations:** The completion of the course reading, audio/video review, online articles, etc. is an important part of the course. You should complete these content expectations prior to submitting any lesson assignments. Your comprehension of the material will be assessed through the completion of the nine (9) Interpretive Skills Assignments.
2. **Reflection Essays:** You are required to participate in regular reflections on select topics each lesson. Your participation in these Reflection Papers is crucial to the success of this course and will determine, in part, your participation grade for the course.

B. ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are the primary means of assessing whether learning has transpired and may include papers, reports, exams, projects, and the like. Assignments are submitted through a link in Blackboard so they can be recorded in the Blackboard Grade Center. Your instructor will grade your assignments and return them through the Grade Center. Specific detail for each assignment is listed in the **Course Schedule** and in Blackboard.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Assessment	Total Points	Percent of Final Grade*
Class Participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content Reports (8 @ 4 pts each = 32 pts) • Reflection Essays (3 @ 20 pts each = 60 pts) 	92	20%
Greek Alphabet Chart and English Grammar Exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1-1: Greek Alphabet Chart (100 pts) • English Grammar Exam (24 pts) 	124	5%
Interpretive Skills Assignments (ISA, 9 @ 100 pts each = 900 pts): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A3-1: ISA #1 – Background Summary • A3-2: ISA #2 – Notes • A4-1: ISA #3 – Narrative Analysis • A5-1: ISA #4 – Poetic Analysis • A5-2: ISA #7 – Hebrew Word Study • A6-1: ISA #5 – Gospels Analysis • A7-1: ISA #6 – Epistles Analysis 	900	75%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A7-2: ISA #8 – Greek Work Study A8-1: ISA #9 – Application of Philippians 1:3-11 		
	1,116	100%

***Note:** This course uses the weighted percentages to determine your final grade.

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63 - 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%