

Note:

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.

MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BI-3325 *Pauline Epistles 1*, 3 credit hours

Description

An expository study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, with attention given to the background, church problems, doctrine, and practical applications of these books.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will:

- Have familiarity with content of 1 and 2 Corinthians
- Understand the importance of these letters for the New Testament
- Begin applying the books to theology and ministry

Course Objectives

As a result of taking this course the successful student should be able to:

1. Describe how knowledge of Greek and Roman backgrounds enlighten our understanding of 1 and 2 Corinthians
2. Trace the logical development of the argument in 1 and 2 Corinthians
3. Cite and explain primary texts in these books used to support key New Testament doctrines and the interpretive difficulties of each
4. Describe and evaluate major, current debates about the interpretation of 1 and 2 Corinthians and explain their importance
5. Begin developing a theology of ministry from studying how Paul led the Corinthians

Course Textbooks

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

Assignments

A. READING (5%):

Before each lesson, read the chapters and verses to be treated in that lesson. While we are in 1 Corinthians, read the pages in Blomberg that cover the lesson's focus passage. While we are in 2 Corinthians, read the pages in Hafemann that cover the day's scripture passage (all of Winter and Carson is required by the end of the course).

You will report your reading at the end of each week through Blackboard.

B. QUIZZES ON THE READING OF 1-2 CORINTHIANS (10%):

After reading the assigned chapters from 1 and 2 Corinthians, you will take a quiz on the content. Four (4) quizzes will be posted on Blackboard and will be due by the end of the week in which they

were assigned (Weeks 2, 4, 6, & 8). The last day of each course week is Monday at midnight (CST(Chicago)). Each quiz is worth 2.5% (thus 4 x 2.5 = 10%).

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (15%):

You must maintain a significant presence in the discussion board. Please refer to the discussion board rubric included in the **Course Resources** section of this course for more information on how your participation in the discussion board will be assessed.

D. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignment 1: Teaching Outline on Ancient Clothing and 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 (20%):

You will submit a teaching outline for a fifteen to twenty (15-20) minute lesson. You should include a full Microsoft PowerPoint presentation with notes detailing the content of your lesson. The presentation should include media (pictures, video, and audio) to illustrate the points being made and should make clear *how* knowledge of clothing customs from the ancient world enlightens our understanding of the passage. You also have the option of submitting the presentation in audio or video format with the accompanying PowerPoint.

Due Week 3.

Assignment 2: Review and Critique of Winter (20%):

After reading Bruce Winter's work *After Paul Left Corinth*, write a 6-8 page, typed, double-spaced, assessment of Winter.

See General Requirements for Papers in the **Course Resources** section of the Blackboard course. Follow Directions 1-6 & 8-11 given there. In addition, if you quote the author, be sure to give the page number(s) where quote was found. Use MLA formatting for all papers and bibliographic references.

Please note that the following are *not* relevant to this assignment:

- your views regarding the author's writing style,
- whether the book was an 'easy read,'
- whether you liked the author's work, and
- whether you would recommend the book.

Due Week 5.

Assignment 3: Biblical Theology Paper—A Theology of Christian Ministry based on 1-2 Corinthians (30%):

Write an 8-10 page (typed, double-spaced) original paper that presents a biblical theology of Christian ministry based on 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Due Week 8.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Reading	5%
Quizzes (4 x 2.5% each)	10%
Class Participation/Discussion Board	15%
Assignment 1: Teaching Outline on Ancient Clothing (PPT Project)	20%
Assignment 2: Review and Critique of Winter	20%
Assignment 3: Biblical Theology Paper	30%
	100%

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%

Course Resources

For teaching and explanation of 1 Corinthians, student will be primarily relying on Blomberg's commentary (and Winter's monograph). For 2 Corinthians, the student will rely primarily on Hafemann's commentary (and Carson's book). Also, student may download free lectures dealing with 1 and 2 Corinthians from <http://itunes.rts.edu/>.

Online students have access to the Moody Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online database by logging into your account at my.moody.edu. If you have not previously accessed the library database you may wish to complete the database tutorial at <http://library.moody.edu>.

In addition to the resources available at the Moody Library, you may wish to visit <http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk> or www.bible.org. These sites contain content on various topics written by competent biblical scholars. It is also suggested that you download a free version of the NET Bible at www.bible.org.

For information on Corinth and issues of Greek and Romans background, the following will provide a good start: <http://www.bibleplaces.com/corinth.htm> and <http://gbgm-umc.org/UMW/corinthians/links.stm>.

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