Note:
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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BI5531 Introduction to Theological Research and Digital Literacy, 3 credit hours

Course Description

The course is an introduction to theological research techniques, Bible software tools, writing skills, and provides an orientation to the development of a personal philosophy for the academic study of the Bible to the life of the contemporary church. A significant financial investment is required to purchase the Bible software.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, the student will be able to...

A. **Identify** and collect primary and secondary sources on a personal philosophy for the academic study of the Bible using information gathering skills (Reflection and Critique)

B. **Apply** gathered research critically through the use of evaluative criteria by developing a working bibliography (Performance and Action)

C. **Write** responsibly and ethically through the avoidance of plagiarism and the proper use of the Turabian footnote and bibliography citation style (Judgment and Design)

D. **Utilize** at least 50% of the features of the [Logos Bible Software 5] required for this course, especially those related to one's personal philosophy for the academic study of the Bible with regard to the contemporary church (Knowledge and Understanding)

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the Required Textbooks section of the Moody website.

Assignments (*what student does for a grade*)

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm CST). Then read and respond to at least **ONE** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CST).

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.).

Note that footnotes should be in a smaller font, such as 10 pt. (Use MS Word's function under its "References" tab to "Insert Footnote" to make this process automatic. Do NOT depend on Word's auto-formatting to correctly format in Turabian style, however.)

Assignment 1-1 Chart of Initial References: Put together a ONE page chart of resources located in Moody's library catalog (one book), ATLA - or other Moody database (one journal article), and another online resource (non-Moody-housed) of your own choosing (book, article, or webpage) addressing the topic of a theology of work.

Assignment 1-2 Summary of Findings from Logos: Write a ONE page summary of what you found in Logos 5 by doing a search, using the general search bottom, for a *theology of work*; and for doing a word study, using the Bible Word Study tool, on the phrase "labor and work".

Assignment 2-1 Bibliography Topic: Write a ONE page description of your bibliography topic (from Assignment 1-1) dealing with a *theology of work*.

Assignment 2-2 Why Study Theology? - Paper: Write a TWO page paper describing why you are studying theology.

Assignment 2-3 Twenty Features of Logos Chart: Fill out the ONE page chart (chart provided) dealing with twenty feature of Logos 5.
Assignment 3-1 Faithful Theologian Paper, Part 1: Write a TWO page paper categorizing the first four characteristics of a faithful theologian.
Assignment 3-2 Footnote Paper: Write a ONE page paper (two paragraphs) that shows how to footnote.

Assignment 4-1 Faithful Theologian Paper, Part 2: Write a TWO page paper categorizing the next three characteristics of a faithful theologian.

Assignment 4-2 Bibliography Project - Books: Construct a ONE page bibliography by locating ten books (chose from single author works, collections of essays, and reference works [at least one from each category]) dealing with your chosen topic within a theology of work.

Assignment 5-1 Characteristics of a Pastor-Scholar Paper: Write a TWO page paper reflecting on three or four of the twelve lessons for a scholar as the (frustrated) pastor from the assigned video.

Assignment 5-2 Bibliography Project - Journal Articles: Construct a ONE page bibliography by locating ten journal articles dealing with your chosen topic within a theology of work. You are to follow proper bibliography format.

Assignment 6-1 Tentmaking Chart: Put together a ONE page chart using the scriptures on work and tentmaking from the assigned reading by using the passage guide tool in Logos 5 (make sure you use commentaries and Bible dictionaries for your information).

Assignment 6-2 Bibliography Project and Review: Edit and combine all your previous work done on your research topic dealing with a theology of work.

Assignment 7-1 Research Paper on Your Personal Philosophy of Academic Study of the Bible: Edit and combine all your previous work done on your personal philosophy for the academic study of the Bible.

Assessments

Assessments	% of Total
Discussions (5 posts with 1 responses per post)	20
Assignments 1-1,2-3: Charts	10
Assignment 1-2: Logos Summary Paper	5
Assignment 2-1: Bibliography Topic	5
Assignments 2-2,3-1,4-1,5-1: Bible Formative Work	20
Assignment 3-2: Footnote Paper	5
Assignments 4-2,5-2,6-1: Theology of Work Bibliography Formative Work [chart]	15
Assignment 6-2: Final Theology of Work Project	10
Assignment 7-1: Final Philosophy of Academic Study of the Bible Project	10
Total:	**100%**

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work

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