

Saint Louis Christian College
BNT101 - NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY
Dr. David G. Hoke
3 Credit Hours

Fall: 2014
Prerequisite: None

Wednesday, Friday
7:15 - 8:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Louis Christian College pursues excellence in the Word and develops servant leaders for urban, suburban, rural, and global ministry.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students begin their path toward a comprehensive knowledge of the New Testament by exploring each New Testament book individually, highlighting the key passages and theology, as well as placing each book in its historical and cultural context. Understanding of issues involving the formation and authority of the New Testament canon will also be attained.

COURSE RATIONALE

A vital part of understanding the New Testament is in learning how all 27 books fit together to form God's redemptive plan for mankind. This course is the scaffolding for building such an understanding. This course contributes to student achievement of the following Division of Biblical Education objectives:

1. Given instruction in the Bible and in biblical theology, the student will exhibit knowledge of the messages of the various Old and New Testament books and the saving message of the Bible as a whole.
2. Shown how to use tools and sound methods for interpreting the Bible, the student will demonstrate the ability to properly interpret, apply, and communicate Scripture.

3. Presented the biblical mandates for worldwide evangelism, the student will communicate the imperative that every person needs Jesus Christ as Savior.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this course, the learner should be able to:

1. Write the books of the New Testament by memory in order and spelled correctly.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the distinctive characteristics, key passages, and theology of each New Testament book.
3. Summarize basic introductory information including the authorship, time of writing, place of writing, and circumstances motivating the writing, and the addressees of each New Testament Book.
4. Locate major geographical sites of the New Testament.
5. Outline generally the formation and authority of the canon.
6. Communicate personal application of biblical values.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attend class** - Attendance in class is required. Attendance will be graded according to the SLCC grading scale and factored as 10% of the student's final grade. Students with more than 7 absences will be in violation of the College's "25% rule" and accordingly will be academically withdrawn from the course.
2. **Write the books of the New Testament** - The student will be required to write the books of the New Testament by memory in order and spelled correctly. The student will be quizzed at the beginning, middle, and end of the semester. The scores will be averaged and will constitute 3% of the student's final grade.
3. **Possess all required textbooks** - The student will need to acquire all required textbooks as well as the Student Resource pages. Experience has shown that the student cannot learn effectively without these needed materials. Due week two and will constitute 2% of the final grade.

4. **Complete the assigned readings** - The student is to complete the readings from the textbooks *Encountering the New Testament*, by Elwell & Yarbrough, and *Jesus and the Jewish Festivals*, by Gary Burge . In addition there are chapters from the New Testament Bible books that are assigned to be read. On the Book Summary Worksheets, the student will be asked to honestly record the number of the assigned pages and chapters completed.
5. **Submit Book Summary Worksheets** - The student is expected to submit a Book Summary Worksheet for each New Testament book at the beginning of the class period following the completion of the course lecture on each biblical book. This will consist of a one page summary of the basic introductory issues and the fundamental content of each book. It is to give evidence of interaction with the materials in the course lectures and the course textbook (40% of final grade).
6. **Complete two exams** – Students will have the opportunity to show his/her overall comprehension through three written exams. These exams will consist of a combination of short answer and essay questions and will cover the materials in the lecture and reading for the designated testing period (45% of final grade).

COURSE ASSESSMENT

The student's final grade will be determined according to the following formula:

1. Attendance	10%
2. N.T. Books Quizzes	3%
3. Possess all required textbooks and the Student Resource Packet	2%
4. Assigned Readings completed are recorded on the Book Summary Worksheets	
5. Book Summary Worksheets	40%
6. Exams	45%

COURSE SCHEDULE

		<u>Topic/Themes</u>	<u>Assignments Due</u>
Week 1	Aug. 20	Syllabus, Introduction	
	Aug. 22	Matthew	
Week 2	Aug. 27	Mark	Summary: Matthew
	Aug. 29	Luke	Summary: Mark
			<i>Bible Books Quiz #1</i>
			<i>Textbooks Acquired</i>
Week 3	Sept. 3	John	Summary: Luke
	Sept. 5	Acts	Summary: John
Week 4	Sept. 10	No Class - Infinite Influence	
	Sept. 12	The Trustworthiness of the Christian Scriptures (DVD)	Summary: Acts
Week 5	Sept. 17	Inspiration/Canonization	
	Sept. 19	Romans	
Week 6	Sept. 24	1 Corinthians	Summary: Romans
	Sept. 26	2 Corinthians	Summary: 1 Corinthians
Week 7	Oct. 1	Galatians	Summary: 2 Corinthians
	Oct. 3	No Class - Fall Break	
Week 8	Oct. 8	Ephesians	Summary: Galatians
	Oct. 10	Mid-Term Exam	
Week 9	Oct. 15	Philippians	Summary: Ephesians
			<i>Bible Books Quiz #2</i>
	Oct. 17	Colossians/Philemon	Summary Philippians
Week 10	Oct. 22	1 & 2 Thessalonians	Summaries: Colossians and Philemon
	Oct. 24	1 Timothy	Summaries: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Week 11	Oct. 29	2 Timothy	Summary: 1 Timothy
	Oct. 31	Titus	Summary: 2 Timothy
Week 12	Nov. 5	Hebrews	Summary: Titus
	Nov. 7	James	Summary: Hebrews
Week 13	Nov. 12	1 Peter	Summary: James
	Nov. 14	2 Peter/Jude	Summary: 1 Peter
Week 14	Nov. 19	1,2,3 John	Summary: 2 Peter/Jude
	Nov. 21	Revelation Part 1	Summary: 1,2,3 John
Week 15	Nov. 26	No Class - Thanksgiving Break	

	Nov. 28	No Class - Thanksgiving Break	
Week 16	Dec. 3	Revelation Part 2	<i>Bible Books Quiz #3</i>
	Dec. 5	Holiest Sites (DVD)	Summary: Revelation
Week 17	Dec. 10	Final Exam	

COURSE REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Burge, Gary M. *Jesus and the Jewish Festivals*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.

Elwell, Walter, and Yarbrough, Robert. *Encountering the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2013.

Hoke, David G. *Student Resource Packet*. This must be downloaded from the SLCC website.

Orr-Ewing, Amy. *The Trustworthiness of the Christian Scripture*. Study Guide.

COURSE POLICIES

1. **Late Work Policy:** Late work will be accepted should you be absent. But your grade will be reduced by one half letter (5 points) per day. Homework is due at the beginning of the class period. Late work may be signed and dated by an office staff member and placed in my box, or mailed to the school to be dated upon receipt and placed in my box. Late work will be accepted up to one week after the due date. After that no late work will be accepted and the student will receive a resulting grade of "0" for that assignment.
2. **Learning Disability Policy:** If you have a diagnosed learning disability, please give the instructor your 504 forms which outline appropriate accommodations for learning.
3. **Keep all papers.** It is important that you keep all papers in case a question arises regarding their submission/grade or the accuracy of your final grade.

4. **Cell Phones.** Cell phones/texting is not permitted during class sessions.
5. **Computers.** Computers may be used to take notes during class, web surfing during class will result in the loss of computer privileges.
6. **Disclaimer:** The instructor reserves the right to modify this course plan by changing topics, due dates, or even assignments that add to the learning outcomes of the class.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

1. No on-campus office hours are maintained, but the instructor will make himself available before or after class, or by appointment.
2. Contact Information:
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