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**TITLE:** English Bible Exegesis II / New Testament

**TERM:** Spring 2018-2019

**PROFESSOR:** Jerome Creach

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: 20  
# AUDITORS: 2

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course introduces the process of New Testament exegesis and gives students opportunity to practice exegesis of various New Testament passages in the English Bible. Students will learn to identify and evaluate the literary, social, historical, and canonical contexts of passages and to articulate a faithful interpretation of the meaning of those passages as Christian Scripture. Students will also learn to identify reliable appropriate scholarly resources for New Testament interpretation.

### **CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

At the conclusion of this course students should be able to:

- Discuss the nature and character of English translations of the Bible, including the process through which translators do their work and basic features of major translations (NRSV, NIV, JPS).
- Articulate a basic hermeneutical theory and show understanding of how interpreters from various perspectives approach the task of interpretation.
- Articulate a basic understanding of biblical authority from various perspectives.
- Use an organized exegetical procedure to explore an Old Testament passage. The procedure should include:
  - Evaluating differences between translations.
  - Analyzing passages for their rhetorical and literary character (as might be displayed in an outline of a passage).
  - Discussing meaning of language of passages as determined by that language in biblical context(s).
  - Reading passages in various contexts (literary, social, historical, canonical).
  - Identifying and articulating theological significance of passages within scripture and for contemporary Christian communities.
- Demonstrate ability to identify and use appropriate resources for Old Testament exegesis.

**PREREQUISITES:** NT110 or NT120

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:**

Michael J. Gorman, *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Minister*, Baker Academic, 2010, ISBN: 978-0801046407, \$19.49

Michael J. Gorman, ed. *Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible*, Baker Academic, 2017, ISBN: 978-0801098390, \$23.53

### **ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:**

A major paper (12-15 pages) that interprets a New Testament passage by addressing the items listed above under “exegetical procedure.” (50-70% of the grade)

**ATTENDANCE:** Required.