TITLE: The Shape and Content of the Bible
TERM: __ YEAR: 2017-2018

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CREDIT HOURS: ___3____

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _________
# AUDITORS: Limited
UNLIMITED: ___ X ______
NO AUDITORS _________

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course introduces students to the canonical structure, literary shape, and content of the entire Bible. As such the course prepares students for introductory courses in both Testaments and for constructing a biblical theology. The course particularly prepares students for the Bible Content Exam.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:
1. List every book of the Old and New Testament in order (according to the Protestant Christian canon)
2. Compare and contrast the shape of the Jewish and Christian canons and discuss the theological significance of both.
3. Identify major characters, themes, and subject matter of every biblical book.
4. Discuss how major theological themes (e.g. the covenant with Abraham) run through both Testaments.
5. Discuss the major differences between the Revised Standard Version and the New International Version.
6. Pass the Bible Content Exam.

PREREQUISITES:
None

READING ASSIGNMENTS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:
- The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible
- Selected articles, posted online (MyPTS)

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:
Short reflection papers; exams

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:
Lecture and discussion

ATTENDANCE: Required