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TITLE: New Testament Letters & Apocalypse

TERM: Spring 2018-2019

PROFESSOR: Tucker Ferda

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS 4

UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to those books of the New Testament associated with the letter-form (the Pauline corpus, Hebrews, the Petrine epistles, Jude and Revelation), showing their significance in the Church and the world today. Special attention is given to the specific content of these books, to their particular genres, to the life and theology of Paul, and to the methods used in the critical study of these books (literary, socio-historical, rhetoric), as well as to the question of pseudepigraphy.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- Jewish setting in first-century world
- Historical setting in the Greco-Roman world
- Genres of the various epistles, and the Apocalypse
- Rhetorical, literary, socio-historical, ideological criticisms
- Content of Pauline letters, Hebrews, pastoral and catholic epistles, and Revelation
- Life and theology of Paul
- Topics: Christology, Pneumatology, Atonement, Eschatology, Ecclesiology, Tradition, Mystery, Pseudepigraphy
- How to read, summarize, and ask critical questions of an article
- Theological readings of Scripture

PREREQUISITES: None (NT 110 Gospels, Acts, & Johannine Epistles recommended)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

Required texts

A complete study Bible with Apocrypha/deuterocanonical books.

I. Howard Marshall, Stephen Travis and Ian Paul, *Exploring the New Testament II: A Guide to the Letters & Revelation, 2nd edition* (IVP Academic, 2016). ISBN: 978-0830853083. Price: \$18.58

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Two Exams

Two papers

Grading specifics TBD

ATTENDANCE:

Required