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TITLE: New Testament Letters & Apocalypse

TERM: Spring 2018-2019

PROFESSOR: Edith Humphrey

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 3

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 (NT110 - Gospels, Acts, & Johannine Epistles is recommended)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (NRSV) **ISBN:** 978-0190276126, \$17.33 or (RSV) **ISBN:** 978-0195283488, \$36.24 **OR** Harper Collins Study Bible (NRSV) with Apocrypha **ISBN:** 978-0060786847, \$30.71
- Howard Marshall, Stephen Travis and Ian Paul, *Exploring the New Testament II: A Guide to the Letters & Revelation* (IVP Academic, 2011), **ISBN:** 978-0830825400

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

3 cell assignments (1 page each) with discussion; 2 quizzes (Bible content and course material); 1 short (7-8 page) paper further exploring one of the previous cell assignments, in consultation with the professor

ATTENDANCE: Required.