

BS600 Orientation to Biblical Studies

Instructor	Dr. Jennifer McNeel
Schedule	Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	This course will introduce students to academic tools and methods used to study the Bible, thus preparing students for future Bible courses and other theological study at the Ecumenical Institute. The course will focus on topics related to biblical study including: 1) the development and contents of the biblical canon; 2) the transmission and growth of biblical literature; 3) methods and tools for biblical study; and, 4) the exegetical process.
Requirements	Reading - Students should expect to read at most 800 pages of required reading and should be prepared to discuss readings in class.
	Writing – Five short writing assignments (2-3 pages each) and one final exegesis paper (10–12 pages) for a course total of 20-27 pages.
	Other Assignments – Midterm exam

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
Michael J. Gorman, editor, <i>Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible</i> (Baker Academic, 2017)	978-0801098390	\$36.00	350
Michael J. Gorman, <i>Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers</i> , Third Edition (Baker Academic, 2020)	978-1540960313	\$27.99	275
<p>One of the following study Bibles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HarperCollins Study Bible (HarperOne, 2006) OR • The New Interpreter's Study Bible (Abingdon Press, 2003) OR • The Catholic Study Bible, 3rd edition (Oxford University Press, 2016) OR • The New Oxford Annotated Bible, 5th edition (Oxford University Press, 2018) <p><i>If a student already owns a different academic study Bible, he or she may ask the instructor if it will be acceptable for use in the class.</i></p>	<p>978-0060786847</p> <p>978-0687278329</p> <p>978-0190267230</p> <p>978-0190276072</p>	<p>\$39.99</p> <p>\$50.99</p> <p>\$39.99</p> <p>\$49.99</p>	Used as reference and for weekly readings of short Bible passages.