

**BS646 Women in the New Testament**

<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. Jennifer McNeel
<b>Schedule</b>	Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
<b>Prerequisite</b>	BS622 (The Literature and Theology of the New Testament) or equivalent
<b>Description</b>	The role of women in early Christianity is a topic of both historical interest and contemporary theological significance. Responsible and creative interpretation of women's stories is crucial for biblical study and for proclamation of the gospel. This course will examine the portrayal of women in New Testament and some noncanonical texts through historical, literary, theological, feminist, womanist, and imaginative reading strategies. Students will explore the relevance of these texts for understanding the lives of women in the early church and for Christian life and ministry today.
<b>Requirements</b>	Reading – Students should expect to read at most 800 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class. In addition to the required books listed below, students will also read articles provided by the instructor and selected passages of the New Testament.
	Writing – Written answers to weekly questions (½ page each; 7 pages total), a midterm paper (5-7 pages), and a final paper (7-10 pages), for a course total of 19-24 pages.
	Other – Class participation

**Required Texts:**

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Jaime Clark-Soles, <i>Women in the Bible</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 2020) [ISBN: 978-0664234010]	\$40	235
Joan Taylor and Helen Bond, <i>Women Remembered: Jesus' Female Disciples</i> (Hodder & Stoughton, 2022) [978-1529372601]	\$16	184