

BS600 Orientation to Biblical Studies

Instructor	Dr. Katherine Brown
Schedule	Tuesdays 6-8:30 p.m.
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 will complete approximately 800 pages of reading and should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.
	Writing: Five short papers (3 pages) plus one exegetical (research) paper (10-12 pages) for a total of 25-28 pages.
	Other Assignments: Homework assignments due on Canvas before class; Mid-term exam.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Michael J. Gorman, ed. <i>Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible</i> (Baker Academic, 2017, reprint 2020)	\$36.00 [\$20.69 on Amazon]	464
Michael J. Gorman, <i>Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers</i> , Third Edition (Baker Academic, 2020)	\$29.99 [\$19.69 on Amazon]	352
An academically- suitable study Bible. Acceptable examples include The New Oxford Annotated Bible [NRSV], 5 th edition (Oxford University Press, 2018); The HarperCollins Study Bible [NRSV] (HarperOne, 2006); The New Interpreter's Study Bible [NRSV] (Abingdon Press, 2003); or the The Catholic Study Bible [NABRE], 3 rd edition (Oxford University Press, 2016).		