

BS622 Literature & Theology of the New Testament

Instructor	Dr. Jennifer McNeel
Schedule	Mondays, 6:00-8:30 pm
Description	This course is an introduction to the New Testament in its historical and social settings, focusing on an exploration of the unique content and theological themes of each New Testament book. The tools and methods of biblical studies will be employed to engage in critical and theological readings of New Testament texts. As such, the course will enrich faithful Christian life and ministry in the world and serve as a foundation for future study of the New Testament within and beyond the Ecumenical Institute.
Requirements	Reading – Students should expect to read at most 1,000 pages of required reading. In addition to readings from the required textbooks, students will also be required to read supplementary articles provided by the instructor and most of the New Testament.
	Writing – 4 short assignments (2 pages each) and a final paper (10-12 pages), for a course total of 18-20 pages
	Other Assignments – Take-home, open-book midterm exam

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Mark Allan Powell, <i>Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey</i> (Baker Academic, 2018, Second Edition)	\$38	458
Burton H. Throckmorton, <i>Gospel Parallels</i> (Thomas Nelson, 1992, 5 th Edition with NRSV)	\$25	Used as reference
<u>One</u> of the following (student's choice):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce W. Longenecker, <i>The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World</i> (Baker Academic, 2016, Second Edition) <u>OR</u> Paula Gooder, <i>Phoebe: A Story</i> (IVP Academic, 2018) 	\$16 \$17	204 <u>OR</u> 304
<u>One</u> of the following study Bibles:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HarperCollins Study Bible: Fully Revised and Updated (HarperOne, 2006) <u>OR</u> The New Interpreter's Study Bible (Abingdon Press, 2003) <u>OR</u> The Catholic Study Bible, (Oxford University Press, 2016, 3rd Edition) <u>OR</u> The New Oxford Annotated Bible (Oxford University Press, 2018, 5th Edition) 	\$35 \$39 \$29 \$34	Text of most of the NT, plus using notes for reference
<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>		