

**BS600 Orientation to Biblical Studies**

<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. Katherine Brown
<b>Schedule</b>	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Requirements</b>	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)	\$40.00 [\$27.49 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 [\$16.69 on Amazon]	352
An academically- suitable study Bible. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The SBL Study Bible</i> (HarperOne, 2023), ISBN: 978-0062969422, based on NRSVue (The older version of this Bible is also acceptable – <i>The HarperCollins Study Bible</i> (HarperOne, 2006), ISBN: 978-0060786847, based on NRSV).</li> <li>• <i>The New Interpreter's Study Bible</i> (Abingdon Press, 2003), ISBN: 978-0687278329. This is based on the NRSV.</li> <li>• <i>The Catholic Study Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2016), ISBN: 978-0190267230 (this is 3rd ed.; earlier editions are OK). This is based on the NABRE.</li> <li>• <i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2010), ISBN: 978-0195289602 (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> edition).</li> </ul>		