BIBL500: Introduction to Biblical Studies

Instructor	Dr. Katherine Brown
Schedule	Tuesdays, 6 – 8:30 pm (Jan. 12 – May 4)
Description	An introduction to academic biblical studies, with attention to the nature and development of biblical literature, tools for research, and methods of interpretation (exegesis). This course is a pre- or co-requisite for most other courses in biblical studies. Required: MACM, MAT. (Formerly BS600. Students who have successfully completed BS600 will not receive credit for this course.) PR=None
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 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. *Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible* (Baker Academic, 2017, reprint 2020)	$40.00	464
Michael J. Gorman, *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Third Edition (Baker Academic, 2020)	$32.99	352
An academically-suitable study Bible. Acceptable study Bibles are listed below:		
• *The SBL Study Bible* (HarperOne, 2023), ISBN: 978-0062969422, based on NRSVue translation. (The older version of this Bible is also acceptable – *The HarperCollins Study Bible* (HarperOne, 2006), ISBN: 978-0060786847, based on NRSV translation.) • *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, 5th ed. (Oxford University Press, 2018), ISBN 978-0190276089, based on the NRSV translation. (NOAB 4th ed. is also acceptable.) • *The Catholic Study Bible*, 3rd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2016), ISBN: 978-0190267230, based on the NABRE translation. • *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2003), ISBN: 978-0687278329, based on the NRSV translation.		