

**NT 501 New Testament Survey**  
 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
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## **I. Purpose and Objectives of the course**

New Testament Survey has been designed to introduce you to the history, literature, theology, interpretation, and basic message of the New Testament. Classes are devoted to an introduction to the field of New Testament studies by highlighting central New Testament themes, issues, events and persons and by introducing tools with which to approach all scholarly pursuits. So this course is a basic introduction to the content of the New Testament for those who desire to gain a broad overview of the material of the New Testament. As part of the course the entire New Testament will be read. Emphasis is placed on the basic chronological framework, major events in the life of Christ and the ministry of Paul, the framework of Acts, Paul and the Law, NT theology and interpretation, and simple outlines of each of the twenty seven books of the New Testament.

## **II. Course Requirements**

The requirements of the course revolve around the purpose and structure of the course. Therefore, the requirements are threefold:

### [1] Required Reading:

- You are expected to read completely through the English Text of the New Testament (preferably the *New International Version* or the *English Standard Version*)
- Carson and Moo *An Introduction to the NT*: Revised ed. (Zondervan, 2000)
- \*ESV Study Bible (Crossways, 2008)

### •Recommended Reading:

- Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*, (Zondervan, 2002)
- Some portions of C. Blomberg, *Jesus and the Gospels* (Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1997)

\*The reading should be completed outside of class. It is required that the student read Carson, et al. and Fee and Stuart by the end of the course. The appropriate sections of the three textbooks should be read which correspond to the particular books being discussed for each respective class session. At the last lecture, the student should submit a card stating that the three books have been read.

[2] Examinations: Two one and half hour examinations (no notes or books) will be given during the course which will involve responding to both objective and short essay questions.

- To this end, the student is required to produce a one page outline of every book (which is to be submitted as a daily assignment), and to maintain a workbook for all additional notes, maps, and outlines given in class.

### III. Grading

Outlines	10%
Reading	5%
Midterm	40%
Final Exam	45%

### IV. Course Outline

Lecture	Topics	Reading
1. Sept 16	Introduction, Backgrounds, History	<u>Textbooks:</u> Blomberg 7-71
2. Sept 23	The Canon, the Text of the NT, and the Reliability of NT manuscripts	<u>Textbooks:</u> Carson; Fee and Stuart
3. Sept 30	The Mission, Life, and Ministry of Jesus	<u>Scripture:</u> Mark <u>Textbooks:</u> Blomberg 215-257; 305-329; Carson; Fee and Stuart
4. Oct 7	The Gospels I	<u>Scripture:</u> Matthew, Luke, John <u>Textbooks:</u> Blomberg 113-176; Carson; Fee and Stuart
5. Oct 21	The Gospels II	<u>Scripture:</u> Matthew, Luke, John <u>Textbooks:</u> Blomberg 113-176; Carson; Fee and Stuart
6. Oct 28	Acts and the Introduction to Paul	<u>Scripture:</u> Acts <u>Textbooks:</u> Carson, 181-235; Fee and Stuart
7. Nov 4	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b> Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Corinthians	<u>Scripture:</u> Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Corinthians <u>Textbooks:</u> Carson; Fee and Stuart
8. Nov 18	Romans; The Prison Epistles: Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians	<u>Scripture:</u> Romans, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians <u>Textbooks:</u> Carson; Fee and Stuart
9. Dec 2	The Pastoral Epistles and Hebrews	<u>Scripture:</u> 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews <u>Textbooks:</u> Carson; Fee and Stuart
10. Dec 9	The Catholic Epistles and Revelation	<u>Scripture:</u> James, 1 and 2 Peter, Jude, 1-3 John, Revelation <u>Textbooks:</u> Carson; Fee and Stuart
11. Dec 16	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	

**Helpful supplementary resources for the study of the NT:**

<i>Bible Dictionary</i>	an alphabetical listing of biblical names, events, and themes; often includes helpful maps and charts
<i>Bible Handbook</i>	gives an overview of each book of the Bible, with helpful explanations of specific verses; contains helpful background information, maps, charts, and supplemental articles on biblical names, events, and themes
<i>Concordance</i>	an alphabetical listing of specific words in the Bible, with the corresponding verses in which each word is found
<i>Study Bible</i>	generally includes an outline of each book of the Bible, key themes, historical background, and authorship and textual issues