



Course Syllabus

Course Number - Name: BIB105NT – Bible Study Methods

Course Credits: 3

Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

An introduction to the principles and practice of the inductive approach to studying the Bible, the development of techniques, the utilization of tools, and the employment of various methods, such as synthesis and analysis. This class provides the basic principles of interpreting Scripture and understanding biblical literary genres using the necessary tools and practice to interpret the Bible.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*
1	Describe the exegetical steps of effective Bible study as it relates to Observation, Interpretation, and Application.	2
2	Access primary and secondary biblical and theological sources that support exegesis (e.g., the Bible, various Bible translations, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, Bible atlas, word studies, and other relevant sources).	3
3	Expound on various texts from Scripture that utilize the steps and tools for Bible Study Methods.	4
4	Compose papers and/or create projects that compile the steps and tools, making inferences from credible resources to support the passage of Scripture (use of resources contingent upon assignment).	6

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

Studying and Understanding the Bible is a course that empowers students to cultivate a Biblical worldview by equipping them to take initial steps into exegeting Scripture so that they might nurture a deeper hunger to experience the glory of Jesus Christ and model that truth to others.

Required Media:

Duvall and Hays, *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*, 4th ed., Zondervan, 2020. ISBN-13: 978-0310109174

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Hermeneutic Exercises: Discussions (7) - 25 pts. Each	175
Hermeneutic Exercises (11) - 40 pts. each	440
Exegetical Worksheets (4) - 10 pts. each	40
Exegetical Paper (1) - 345 pts.	345
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 1: "Bible Translations"
2. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 2: "The Interpretive Process"
3. Introduction Session Video
4. Session 1 "Bible Translations:" Chapter 1 Video
5. Session 2 "The Interpretive Journey" Chapter 2 Video
6. Optional: Bible Exegetical Worksheet: Bible Translations Resource
7. Optional: Bible Gateway Tutorial

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #1 "Bible Translation" - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #2 "The Interpretive Journey" - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 3: "Sentences"
2. Session 3 "Sentences" Video
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 4: "Paragraphs"
4. Session 4 "Paragraphs" Video
5. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 5: "Discourse"
6. Session 5 "Discourse" Video
7. Optional: How to Mark up your Bible Video Resources
8. Optional: How not to Mark up your Bible Video Resources

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #3 "Sentences" - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #4 "Paragraphs" - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 2-3 Hermeneutic Exercise #5 "Discourse" - See Instructions in the course
4. Assignment 2-4 Exegetical Worksheet #1 - See Instructions in the course
5. Wk2 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 6: "The Historical Culture Context"
2. Session 6 "The Historical Culture Context" Video
3. Optional: The Bible Project - Setting in Biblical Narrative Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #6 "Historical Cultural Context" - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 3-2 Exegetical Worksheet #2 - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 7: "What we Bring to the Text"
2. Session 7 "What we Bring to the Text" Video
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 8: "The Literary Context"
4. Session 8 "The Literary Context" Video
5. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 9: "Word Studies"
6. Session 9 "Word Studies" Video
7. Optional: Resource Tool

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #7 "Historical Cultural Context" - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 4-2 Exegetical Worksheet #3 - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk4 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 10: "Who Controls the Meaning?"
2. Session 10 "Who Controls the Meaning?" Video
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 11: "Levels of Meaning"
4. Session 11 "Levels of Meaning" Video
5. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 12: "The Role of the Holy Spirit"
6. Session 12 "The Role of the Holy Spirit" Video
7. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 13: "Application"
8. Session 13 "Application" Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #8 "Who Controls the Meaning?" - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 5-2 Hermeneutic Exercise #9 "Application" - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 5-3 Exegetical Worksheet #4 - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk5 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter14: "New Testament - Letters"
2. Session 14 "New Testament - Letters" Video
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter15: "New Testament - Gospels"
4. Session 15 "New Testament - Gospels" Video
5. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 16: "New Testament - Acts"
6. Session 16 "New Testament - Acts" Video
7. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 17: "New Testament - Revelation"
8. Session 13 "New Testament - Revelation" Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #10 - See Instructions in the course
2. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Duvall & Hays, Chapter18: "Old Testament - Narrative"
2. Session 18 "Old Testament - Narrative" Video
3. Duvall & Hays, Chapter19: "Old Testament - Law"
4. Session 19 "Old Testament - Law" Video
5. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 20: "Old Testament - Poetry"
6. Session 20 "Old Testament - Poetry" Video
7. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 21: "Old Testament - Prophets"
8. Session 21 "Old Testament - Prophets" Video
9. Duvall & Hays, Chapter 22: "Old Testament - Wisdom"
10. Session 22 "Old Testament - Wisdom" Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Hermeneutic Exercise #11 - See Instructions in the course
2. Wk7 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. See Instructions in the course

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Exegetical Paper - See Instructions in the course