

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to the Bible as Scripture

Course Number and Section

BIBLSTUD

5110A 550

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Course Description:

An introduction to the reception and interpretation of the biblical writings as Scripture in historical and theological perspective.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

- Students will be able to outline the major periods and some of the major figures in the history of the interpretation of the Bible
- Students will have a basic grasp of the state of scholarship on some of the major questions of, and approaches to, biblical interpretation today, both in the academy and in the church
- Students will be able to make wise and critical use of secondary sources on the Bible
- Students will be able to articulate the fundamental importance of varying contexts, not least their own, in the interpretation of the Bible
- Students will begin to develop their own Theology of Scripture and a corresponding framework of interpretation

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Barton, John. The Bible: The Basics. Second edition. London: Routledge, 2019. Available freely for download as a pdf or epub file [here](#). Available for purchase online as a paperback for \$37.69

Barreto, Eric D., and Michael J. Chan. Exploring the Bible. Foundations for Learning. Augsburg Fortress, 2016. Available freely for download as a pdf or epub file [here](#). Available for purchase online as a paperback for \$33

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation		10

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Pop Quizzes		25
In Class Essay	10/22/26	20
Research Paper	11/12/26	25
In Class Essay	12/3/26	20

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In-course Costs \$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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