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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

BIBL 425

ROMANS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An analytical and exegetical study of Romans, giving attention to the great doctrinal issues of condemnation, justification, sanctification, the place of Israel, and practical Christian living.

RATIONALE

Why study the book of Romans? Romans may be described as the Apostle Paul's magnum opus. It is a systematic presentation of the Gospel which reveals the righteousness of God. In addition to presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Paul addresses other significant issues relating to first century A.D. Christianity, including the Jew-Gentile relationship, the Christian's relationship to the Torah, unity in the church, the Christian life, and the Christian's relationship to government (just to mention a few). The book of Romans provides eternal principles that must be applied to contemporary situations. In sum, because of its profound message, its logical presentation of Christian truth (which is foundational to a clear apprehension of the truth imparted in the other Pauline epistles), and because of its propensity to impact the saved so that their lives will influence the lost for Jesus Christ, it is essential that every Christian study Paul's letter to the Romans. The primary purpose of this course is to trace the theme of God's Gospel as presented in the Book of Romans, emphasizing the specific aspect of His revealed righteousness.

I. PREREQUISITES

None.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click on the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic video equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
- D. A study Bible (The questions in the Study Guides and Tests are based on the *NIV*.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Summarize and interpret the thought of Paul's letter to the Romans both synthetically and analytically.
- B. Summarize the argument of Romans, tracing Paul's thought section by section or chapter by chapter.
- C. Interpret and explain any passage and/or paragraph of Romans from a consistent viewpoint.
- D. Describe and explain the biblical doctrines of the gospel, condemnation, justification, sanctification, the role of Jews, submission to God, and Christian love.
- E. Articulate how Romans fits within the framework of salvation history.
- F. Defend the Biblical Worldview based on Paul's reflection of foundational theological truths throughout his argument in the book of Romans.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS (DETAILS PROVIDED IN COURSE)

- A. Textbook readings, Bible readings, and presentations

Students are expected to read the course textbook by Douglas J. Moo, *The NIV Application Commentary: Romans*, in its entirety. The modules are designed to guide students through the textbook and the book of Romans in eight weeks. (Students should see the Course Schedule.) In addition to reading the textbook, students are expected to read through the book of Romans at least twice. Students will read Romans along with the textbook. In addition, students will read through Romans in one sitting. The modules are designed to guide students through Romans in eight weeks. Students may read from the translation of their choice. Several excellent translations exist, including the NIV, NASB, NKJV, and KJV. Students should note that the Study Guides and Tests are based on the NIV translation.

Each module contains study guides that are designed to guide students through the book of Romans and the Moo commentary and also to aid in their preparation for the four Tests.

- B. Group Discussion Board forums(4)

Students will complete four Group Discussion Board forums. A thread will be posted in response to the instructor's prompts by Friday night of the assigned module/week. Then students will reply to two classmates' threads by Monday night. Late posts will not be accepted due to the time sensitivity of the Group Discussion Board forums.

C. Research Paper

This is a reading/research driven course that culminates with a Research Paper. The paper must consist of 10–15 pages and follow Turabian style; it is due by the end of Module/Week 8. Students will submit their Research Paper topic in Module/Week 1, the thesis statement in Module/Week 2, and bibliography during Module/Week 3 for approval and evaluation.

D. Christian Worldview Essay

This two page paper will follow Turabian style and is due at the end of Module/Week 7. The goal of this assignment is to interact with the text of Romans in order to express and defend what it teaches regarding the Biblical Worldview.

E. Tests (4)

Students are required to complete four Tests. The tests will be open-book/open-notes and will consist of 25 multiple-choice and true/false questions. The tests cover all required Reading & Study material. Students will have 30 minutes to complete each test. Tests 1–4 must be taken by the end of Modules/Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8, respectively.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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| Group Discussion Board Forum threads | (4 at 60 pts ea) | 240 |
| Group Discussion Board Forum replies | (4 at 40 ea) | 160 |
| Research Paper | | |
| Topic | | 10 |
| Thesis | | 10 |
| Bibliography | | 30 |
| Final Research Paper | | 150 |
| Christian Worldview Essay | | 80 |
| Tests | (4 at 80 pts ea) | 320 |
| | Total | 1000 |

B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Policies

Late Work: Late work will not be accepted.

Instructor Availability and Feedback: The instructor will give written feedback on the research paper topic, thesis, and bibliography. Emails will be answered within 24–48 hours. The instructor will reply to some but not all Discussion Board posts.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

BIBL 425

Textbook: Moo, *The NIV Application Commentary: Romans* (2000).

| WEEK/ MODULE | READING & STUDY | ASSIGNMENTS | POINTS |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Moo: pp. 15–57 Romans 1:1–1:17 1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist | 0 |
| | | Class Introductions | 0 |
| | | Group DB Forum 1 thread | 60 |
| | | Group DB Forum 1 replies | 40 |
| | | Research Paper: Topic | 10 |
| 2 | Moo: pp. 58–124 Romans 1:18–3:20 1 presentation | Test 1 | 80 |
| | | Research Paper: Thesis Statement | 10 |
| 3 | Moo: pp. 125–167 Romans 3:21–4:25 1 presentation | Group DB Forum 2 thread | 60 |
| | | Group DB Forum 2 replies | 40 |
| | | Research Paper: Bibliography | 30 |
| 4 | Moo: pp. 168–216 Romans 5:1–6:23 1 presentation | Test 2 | 80 |
| 5 | Moo: pp. 217–289 Romans 7:1–8:39 1 presentation | Group DB Forum 3 thread | 60 |
| | | Group DB Forum 3 replies | 40 |
| 6 | Moo: pp. 290–392 Romans 9:1–11:36 1 presentation | Test 3 | 80 |
| 7 | Moo: pp. 393–483 Romans 12:1–15:13 1 presentation | Group DB Forum 4 thread | 60 |
| | | Group DB Forum 4 replies | 40 |
| | | Christian Worldview Essay | 80 |
| 8 | Moo: pp. 484–516 Romans 15:14–16:27 1 presentation | Test 4 | 80 |
| | | Research Paper: Final Submission | 150 |
| TOTAL | | | 1000 |

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.