Note:

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 360**
**METHODICAL STUDY OF SCRIPTURE**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This course is an introduction to the basic principles of biblical interpretation and hermeneutical procedures. The student will develop the skills to practice a methodical approach to the observation, interpretation, and application of the Scripture across its various genres.

**RATIONALE**
Christians trust that the Bible is the final rule of faith, belief, and practice. An aptitude in Bible study is essential for both life and ministry. Therefore, the ability to properly read, interpret, and apply the Bible is foundational for all. Consequently, the skills taught and the tools used in this course will prepare the student for a rich and enjoyable study of God’s Word.

**I. PREREQUISITE**
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

**II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: [http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm](http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm)

**III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Office

**IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Understand the relationship and movement between observation, interpretation, and application as a framework for applied hermeneutics.
B. Apply a methodical approach to the study of each of the primary genres of the Old and New Testaments.
C. Identify basic elements of structure within the biblical text.
D. Demonstrate correct contextual interpretation and application of Scripture.

**V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**
A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
B. Course Requirements Checklist
After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)
Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student will create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. The thread must be 250–500 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student will reply to the threads of at least 2 classmates. Each reply must be 150–300 words. (MLO: A, D)

D. Unlocking the Scriptures (5)
Using the Finzel textbook, the student will complete a series of assignments based on a provided template in order to examine specific Bible passages. The assignments are titled as follows:
1. Observation Assignment
2. Interpretation Assignment
3. Application Assignment
4. Methodical Bible Study Assignment
5. Specialized Study Assignment
(MLO: A, B, C, D)

E. Quizzes (3)
Each quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the module/week in which it is assigned, along with the preceding module/week or modules/weeks since any prior quizzes. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 30 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a time limit of 50 minutes. The student will be allowed 2 attempts, and the highest score will count toward his or her grade. (MLO: A, B, C, D)

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES
A. Points

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**Total** |
1010

B. Scale
A = 900–1010   B = 800–899   C = 700–799   D = 600–699   F = 0–599
C. 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. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
**Course Schedule**

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Textbooks:  

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| 1           | DeYoung: chs. 1–2  
              Finzel: chs. 1–2  
              1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
              Class Introductions  
              DB Forum 1 Thread | 10  
              0  
              * |
| 2           | Review DeYoung: chs. 1–2  
              Finzel: chs. 3–6  
              Bible Readings  
              1 presentation | DB Forum 1 Replies  
              Unlocking the Scriptures: Observation Assignment | 55  
              100 |
| 3           | DeYoung: chs. 3–4  
              Finzel: chs. 7–8  
              Bible Readings  
              1 presentation | DB Forum 2 Thread  
              Unlocking the Scriptures: Interpretation Assignment  
              Quiz 1 | *  
              100  
              60 |
| 4           | Review DeYoung: chs. 3–4  
              Finzel: chs. 9–10  
              Bible Readings  
              1 presentation | DB Forum 2 Replies  
              Unlocking the Scriptures: Application Assignment | 55  
              100 |
| 5           | DeYoung: chs. 5–6  
              Finzel: chs. 11–15  
              1 presentation | DB Forum 3 Thread  
              Quiz 2 | *  
              60 |
| 6           | Review DeYoung: chs. 5–6  
              Finzel: chs. 16–17  
              Bible Readings  
              2 presentations | DB Forum 3 Replies  
              Unlocking the Scriptures: Methodical Bible Study Assignment | 55  
              200 |
| 7           | DeYoung: chs. 7–8  
              Finzel: chs. 18–19  
              2 presentations | DB Forum 4 Thread  
              Unlocking the Scriptures: Specialized Study Assignment | *  
              100 |
| 8           | Review DeYoung: chs. 7–8  
              Finzel: Conclusion  
              1 presentation | DB Forum 4 Replies  
              Quiz 3 | 55  
              60 |

**Total** 1010

DB = Discussion Board

*This Discussion Board Forum will be completed during multiple modules/weeks.

**Note:** Each course module/week (except Module/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 module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.