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 364
ACTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of the growth and development of the first century Church as recorded by the accurate historian, Luke. Special attention will be given to the activity of the Holy Spirit in the ministries of Peter and Paul. (Formerly BIBL 424).

RATIONALE
Students in this degree program should know the general background of the time of the Apostles, including chronology, geography, social customs, historical backgrounds, and events within the first century New Testament Church. Also, students should be aware of both specific and general issues, problems, and areas of concern that have faced Christian scholars surrounding the book of Acts, as well as the early Church as a whole.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
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

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
D. Access to the following various versions of the Bible:
   1. New American Standard Update (NAU)
   2. New English
      (The NET Bible is available through www.bible.org for free)
   3. A third translation of your choice

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Recognize the cultural, geographical, political, and religious background of the first-century Church.
B. Develop the overall theme of the book of Acts through an analysis/synthesis process.

C. Analyze the flow of each chapter in the book of Acts.

D. Gain a grasp of the genesis of the New Covenant Church.

E. Develop a major theme from the book of Acts, and see how it contributes to the overall theme of the book.

V. Course Requirements and Assignments

A. Textbook readings, web articles, 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 (3)

   Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to participate in each Discussion Board Forum by posting a 300-word thread in response to the instructor’s prompt. Students are also required to submit 2 200-word replies to 2 other classmates’ threads.

D. Thematic Panels (7)

   The student is encouraged to undertake multiple readings of the book of Acts in multiple versions. Thematic panels describing the situations in the books are to be written by each student following provided templates. Each Thematic Panel must be submitted through SafeAssign.

E. Research Paper

   The student is required to write a 5–8-page research paper addressing a topic from the list of approved topics provided in the course. The paper must incorporate at least 6 scholarly sources, which must be formatted in correct, current Turabian style, and be accompanied by a properly formatted title page, table of contents, and bibliography. This paper has 3 stages of submission: Information Preparation, an Outline, and the Research Paper Final Submission (including the revised bibliography and outline). Each stage of the Research Paper must be submitted through SafeAssign.

F. Quizzes (4)

   The student will complete 4 open-book/open-notes quizzes. Each quiz will consist of 25 multiple-choice, true/false, and/or fill-in-the-blank questions. Additionally each quiz will be timed with a 50-minute time limit and a penalty for each minute over the time limit.

VI. Course Grading and Policies

A. Points
B. Scale

A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.

2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.

3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

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. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
# Course Schedule

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**TOTAL: 1010**

DB = Discussion Board

**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**.