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 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 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. 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

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Office
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. Evaluate the correlation between the theology of Romans and related Second Temple literature.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings, Bible readings, and presentations

The student is expected to read the course textbook by Douglas J. Moo, *Romans: The NIV Application Commentary*, in its entirety. The modules/weeks are designed to guide the student through the textbook and the book of Romans in 8 weeks. In addition to reading the textbook, the student is expected to read through the book of Romans at least twice. The student will read Romans along with the textbook. In addition, the student will read through Romans in one sitting. The student may read from the translation of his/her choice. Several excellent translations exist, including the ESV, HCSB, NIV, NASB, NKJV, and KJV. The student will note that the study guides and tests are based on the NIV (1985) translation.

Each module/week contains study guides that are designed to guide the student through the book of Romans and the Moo commentary and also to aid in his/her preparation for the 4 tests.

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. Group Discussion Board Forums (3)

The student will complete 3 Group Discussion Board Forums. For this collaborative discussion board, each thread will be submitted in response to the appropriate prompt. Each thread must be 250–300 words, consisting of 4–6 paragraphs which must include 1 scholarly source per paragraph. Then, the student will reply to 2 classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 100 words. The student must be acutely aware of the time sensitivity of the Group Discussion Board Forums. (MLO: A, B, C)

D. Research Paper
This is a reading/research-driven course that culminates with a Research Paper. (MLO: A, B, C, D, E)

1. Research Paper: Topic
   The student will choose a provided topic on which to write his/her Research Paper.

2. Research Paper: Bibliography
   The student will write a bibliography with a minimum of 10 peer-reviewed, scholarly sources in current Turabian format.

   The student will write a clearly written thesis statement for his/her Research Paper.

4. Research Paper: Final Submission
   The student will write a 10–15-page Research Paper based on his/her chosen topic in current Turabian format.

E. Book Review
   The student will write a 750–1,000-word Book Review that includes 4 major components: (1) the complete bibliographical entry; (2) the editors’ information such as education, position, and scholarship; (3) a concise summary or synthesis of the major theme of the book; and (4) an honest and courteous evaluation of the book. (MLO: F)

F. Tests (4)
   The student is required to complete 4 tests. The tests will be open-book/open-notes and will consist of 24–25 multiple-choice, true/false, and/or essay questions. The tests cover all required Reading & Study material. The student will have 1 hour to complete each test. (MLO: A, D)

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

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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 course 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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Moo: pp. 15–57  
Romans 1:1–17  
1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
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100 |
| 2           | Blackwell: pp. 59–86  
Moo: pp. 58–124  
Romans 1:18–3:20  
1 presentation | Research Paper: Topic  
Test 1 | 10  
100 |
| 3           | Blackwell: pp. 87–107  
Moo: pp. 125–167  
Romans 3:21–4:25  
1 presentation | Group DB Forum 2  
Research Paper: Bibliography | 100  
30 |
| 4           | Blackwell: pp. 108–128  
Moo: pp. 168–216  
Romans 5:1–6:23  
1 presentation | Test 2 | 100 |
| 5           | Blackwell: pp. 129–150  
Moo: pp. 217–289  
Romans 7:1–8:39  
1 presentation | Group DB Forum 3  
Research Paper: Thesis Statement | 100  
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| 6           | Blackwell: pp. 151–172  
Moo: pp. 290–392  
Romans 9:1–11:36  
1 presentation | Test 3 | 100 |
| 7           | Moo: pp. 393–483  
Romans 12:1–15:13  
1 presentation | Book Review | 100 |
| 8           | Moo: pp. 484–516  
Romans 15:14–16:27  
1 presentation | Research Paper: Final Submission  
Test 4 | 150  
100 |

**Total** | **1010**

**LUC** = Liberty University Custom  
**Group DB** = Group 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.