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

NBST 654
HEBREWS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
An intensive exegetical study of Hebrews. The course includes an investigation of the doctrines of Christ, especially His mediatorship and priesthood and the use of the Old Testament in this book. A verse-by-verse exposition will follow a brief study of authorship, background, destination and purpose.

RATIONALE
Hebrews is one of the more important books in the New Testament. This is due to a number of reasons: (1) it presents more “unsettled problems” (2) it makes a more extensive use of the Jewish Scriptures than any other New Testament document, (3) it is the major work on Jesus’ high priestly ministry, (4) there are widespread interest and historical debates over its severe warning texts, (5) it has a skillful construction and scholarly appeal, and (6) it has as its message a “word of encouragement” (13:22). Hebrews is, therefore, one of the most crucial New Testament books, which will be to the benefit of the student to master.

I. PREREQUISITES
None

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 Internet access (broadband recommended)
B. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
C. English translation of the Bible
D. A study Bible, such as the NIV Study Bible or the NASB Study Bible is recommended but not required.

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Explain the letter’s political, religious, and cultural context.
B. Examine select issues regarding the interpretation of Hebrews.
C. Discuss issues related to difficult letters in the letter.
D. Apply some of the book’s truths to daily life.
E. Analyze the Epistle’s major theological themes.

V. **Course Requirements and Assignments**

A. Textbook readings and presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

As the first activity in this course, please read the syllabus and **Student Expectations**. After reading the syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will then complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (5)

There will be 5 Discussion Board Forums throughout this course. The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided topic for each forum. Each thread must be 400 words in length and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be 200 words in length. Assertions should be supported with citations in current Turabian format. Acceptable sources include textbooks, scholarly sources/articles, and online sources approved by the instructor (the textbook, the Bible, etc.).

D. Book Critique

The student will write a 5–10-page book critique in current Turabian format that focuses on a critical review of *Four Views on the Warning Passages in Hebrews*.

E. Research Paper

The student will write a 10–15-page research-oriented paper in current Turabian format that focuses on a topic related to the letter to the Hebrews. The paper must include at least 7 references in addition to the class textbooks and the Bible.

F. Exams (4)

Each exam will cover the Reading & Study material for the modules/weeks in which it is assigned. Each exam will be open-book/open-notes. Exams 1 and 2 will contain 30 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a 1-hour and 15-minute time limit. Exams 3 and 4 will contain 30 multiple-choice, true/false, multiple-answer, and short answer questions, and have a 1-hour and 15-minute time limit.

VI. **Course Grading and Policies**

A. Points

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B. Scale
D- = 680–699  F = 679 and below

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact the Liberty University Online 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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| 1           | Bateman: pp. 23–128  
Cockerill: pp. 1–81  
Guthrie: pp. 17–44  
Wright: pp. ix–x  
2 presentations | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1 | 10  
0  
50 |
| 2           | Bateman: pp. 129–232  
Cockerill: pp. 85–152  
Guthrie: pp. 45–123  
Wright: pp. 1–21  
2 presentations | DB Forum 2  
Exam 1 | 50  
90 |
| 3           | Bateman: pp. 233–335  
Cockerill: pp. 153–220  
Guthrie: pp. 124–172  
Wright: pp. 21–42  
2 presentations | DB Forum 3 | 50 |
| 4           | Bateman: pp. 336–445  
Cockerill: pp. 221–250  
Guthrie: pp. 173–199  
Wright: pp. 42–50  
1 presentation | Book Critique  
Exam 2 | 140  
90 |
| 5           | Cockerill: pp. 251–345  
Guthrie: pp. 200–276  
Wright: pp. 51–80  
2 presentations | DB Forum 4 | 50 |
| 6           | Cockerill: pp. 345–460  
Guthrie: pp. 277–339  
Wright: pp. 81–114  
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DB = Discussion Board

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