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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

III. **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

A.   Computer with basic audio/video output equipment

B.   Internet access (broadband recommended)

C.   Blackboard recommended browsers

D.   Microsoft Office

E.   School of Divinity Writing Guide:
      https://www.liberty.edu/divinity/index.cfm?PID=28160

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

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (4 at 55 pts ea)	220
Unlocking the Scriptures	
Observation Assignment	100
Interpretation Assignment	100
Application Assignment	100
Methodical Bible Study Assignment	200
Specialized Study Assignment	100
Quizzes (3 at 60 pts ea)	180
Total	1010

B. Scale

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

C. Disability Assistance

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If you have a complaint related to disability discrimination or an accommodation that was not provided, you may contact ODAS or the Office of Equity and Compliance by phone at (434) 592-4999 or by email at equityandcompliance@liberty.edu. Click to see a full copy of Liberty's Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy or the Student Disability Grievance Policy and Procedures.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: DeYoung, *Taking God at His Word* (2014).
Finzel, *Unlocking the Scriptures* (2003).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
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**.