



## **Pastoral Epistles BT 412**

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**3 Credit Hours**

### **Course Description**

An exegetical study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. This course will be conducted in a seminar-style format, which means there will be a strong emphasis on class discussion, argumentation, critical thinking, exegetical reading, and student presentations. Together, we will explore the historical settings, literary forms, and theological implications of these letters, inquiring all the while into how they can inform the beliefs and practices of the church.

### **Course Texts**

Hughes, R. Kent, and Bryan Chapell, *1 & 2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*, Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2000.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Terry Wilder, Eds., *Entrusted with the Gospel: Paul's Theology in the Pastoral Epistles*, Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2010.

### **Recommended Texts (not mandatory)**

Towner, Philip H. *The Letters to Timothy and Titus (NICNT)*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2006.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Be able to demonstrate a well developed knowledge in the following areas:
  - a. The core content of each of the letters studied
  - b. The themes, purposes, and overarching message of each letter
  - c. The patterns, literary devices, and connections *within* each letter
  - d. Details concerning the author and recipient(s) relevant to accurate interpretation
  - e. Issues (technical, textual, critical, practical) relative to these letters

2. Recognize growth in our spiritual lives, so that we experience:
  - a. An increased wonder at the beauty, applicability, and harmony of Scripture
  - b. An appreciation for each the author as God’s choice to write these words
  - c. A greater confidence in approaching these books for personal study and ministry
  
3. Be characterized by the following attitudes and actions:
  - a. Growing awareness of our presuppositions in discerning what the text *means*
  - b. Application of the truths in these books to our lives in practical ways
  - c. Seek opportunities to share with others the truths found in these books
  - d. Complete the historical-critical work required to preach effective and biblically sound sermons sourced from the Pastoral Epistles

## Proposed Schedule

### Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Morning	Introduction; 1 Timothy 1
Afternoon	1 Timothy 1-3

### Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Morning	1 Timothy 3-5
Afternoon	1 Timothy 5-6

### Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

Morning	2 Timothy 1-2
Afternoon	2 Timothy 3-4

### Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

Morning	Titus 1-2
Afternoon	Presentations

### Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

Morning	Titus 2-3
Afternoon	Presentations; Conclusion

## Learning Community

I am committed to teach a class that is worth attending. I am also committed to provide space for you to challenge my perspectives. The quality of the mutual learning experience will be dependant on your passion to know the truth evidenced by: preparing beforehand, asking genuine questions, and by submitting to truth when it is discovered.

## Computers

Computers are not to be used to play games, browse the internet, check emails, update social media, or send messages during class time. However, since they can be used to enhance learning, computers will be permitted in this classroom, but *only* for taking notes. If computers become a distraction for students *at any time*, they may be marked absent from class and/or no longer permitted to bring their computer to class.

## Course Requirements

All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the NBC Format Requirements for papers. Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

### 1. BIBLE READING & NOTES – 20%

Please submit with an email before the first day of class indicating the *percent* completed

#### a. Read through the Pastoral Epistles four times – (10%)

Each letter must be read in its entirety in one sitting. Prioritize understanding what the letters *meant* to its earliest recipient(s), rather than what they mean to you now.

**Due:** Before class on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### b. Take notes *while* reading through the Pastoral Epistles (all four times) – (10%)

Good notes will include *two* questions (regarding unfamiliar phrases, foreign concepts, difficult theology, etc.) and *two* observations (regarding patterns, recurring words and phrases, *intratextual* connections, *intertextual* connections, etc.) *per chapter*. Notes should be taken in a digital document. These notes are intended to prepare us for class discussion.

**Due:** Before class on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

### 2. TEXTBOOK READING & REVIEW – 20%

#### a. Read and review the textbook by Hughes and Chapell – (10%)

Read and prepare a 3 page book review on the textbook by Hughes and Chapell. The first two pages should be used to provide a brief description of the contents of each chapter. The third page should be used to provide substantive arguments as to the merits and demerits of the work in question.

**Due:** Before class on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

b. **Read and review the textbook by Köstenberger and Wilder – (10%)**

Using the same instructions listed immediately above, read and prepare a 3 page book review of the textbook by Köstenberger and Wilder.

**Due:** Before 11:59pm on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**4. RESEARCH / EXEGETICAL PAPER – 20%**

After careful research an extended period of critical reflection, the student will prepare a **15-page** paper (not including the title page and bibliography) dealing with **one** of the following topics:

- Discuss Paul's theological understanding of the moral conscience, particularly with respect to rejecting sound teaching.
- Examine the relevance of Paul's understanding of Greco-Roman household codes, and how these cultural assumptions interact with the local instantiation of the church.
- Are Paul's injunctions against women speaking out in the assembly of the church culturally bound, or do they apply to the church on the whole?
- What is Paul's understanding of apostolic tradition with respect to the transmission of divine truth?

The student may also write an exegetical commentary on a chapter in the Pastoral Epistles or even on a topic of their own choosing, but **only after approval from the instructor**.

**Please note: You should include and use at least FOUR entries from Galaxie Journals found on the NBC website on your bibliography for this assignment.**

**Due:** Before 11:59pm on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**5. SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS – 20%**

During the allotted presentation time, each student will take 30 minutes to propose their tentative research direction. Students are required to prepare and bring the following to their presentation:

1. 2-3 page single spaced manuscript of their presentation (it is not necessary to read the manuscript word for word, but it should be the basis for the presentation)
2. Provisional thesis statement (if a student is writing an exegetical paper, a good thesis will express the overarching message of their chosen chapter)
3. Bibliography of at least 10 scholarly sources (include at least 2 journal articles from Galaxie Journals found on the NBC website)
4. 3 thought-provoking questions (with possible answers) that an unfamiliar scholar might raise concerning their chosen topic or chapter

After their 30 minute presentation, students will be expected to lead a time of questions and answers amongst seminar participants for about 10 minutes. The prepared questions and answers are intended to prepare students for this. Once a presentation is complete, the manuscript must be submitted to the instructor as evidence of advanced preparation, though the grade will be based primarily on the presentation itself

**Due:** Dependent on the assigned presentation date; **January 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Attendance Policy**

Refer to the NBC Handbook 2017/2018.

### **Late Assignment Policy**

Refer to the NBC Handbook 2017/2018.

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### **On line Journals Available**

Grace Journal (Grace Theological Seminary) Dispensational

<http://gts.grace.edu/media/gtjarchive/index.php>

Tyndale Bulletin (Tyndale Hall [English evangelical] Cambridge, England)

<http://www.tyndalehouse.com/TynBul/Library/>

Denver Journal

<http://www.denverseminary.edu/resources/the-denver-journal/index.php/>

Biblica (Roman Catholic)

<http://www.bsw.org/project/biblica/>



Themelios (an international evangelical theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith)

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/publications>

Western Reformed Journal (Presbyterian)

[http://www.wrs.edu/wrs\\_journal.htm](http://www.wrs.edu/wrs_journal.htm)

Theology Today

<http://theologytoday.ptsem.edu/search/index-browse.htm>

Quartz Hill School of Theology Journal (Connected with Southern Baptist Convention)

<http://www.theology.edu/more.htm>

Mennonite Quarterly Review (Some articles in archive)

<http://www.goshen.edu/mqr/pastissues/pastissues.html>

First Things

**(First Things is published by The Institute on Religion and Public Life, an interreligious, nonpartisan research and education institute whose purpose is to advance a religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society.)**

<http://www.firstthings.com/issue-archive>

Concordia Journal (Lutheran)

[http://www.csl.edu/Resources\\_Publications\\_PublicationArchives.aspx#cj](http://www.csl.edu/Resources_Publications_PublicationArchives.aspx#cj)

Christian Research Journal Archive -

[http://www.equipresources.org/site/c.mu11LaMNJrE/b.2548487/k.26A2/All\\_Issues.htm](http://www.equipresources.org/site/c.mu11LaMNJrE/b.2548487/k.26A2/All_Issues.htm)

McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/>

Concordia Theological Quarterly

<http://media.ctsfw.edu/>

### **Helpful Websites**

[www.nipawin.org](http://www.nipawin.org) - Galaxie Theological Journals under Student Life/resources

[www.Bible.org](http://www.Bible.org) – home of Net bible

[www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org) – Lots of resources from Reformed perspective - (Piper, Carson, Kellar, Courses from Reformed Theological Seminary, etc)

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_qa3817/?tag=content;coll](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3817/?tag=content;coll) – Lots of links here. Maybe we need to identify the main categories, like this one to JETS.

<http://www.monergism.com/> – Historical view, but scholarly links and lots of paths to other material

<http://biblewebapp.com/study/> – Useful resource for exegetical and word studies work

<http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/index.html>

<http://www.ntgateway.com/paul-the-apostle/the-pastoral-epistles/>