



Nipawin Bible College
BI1013 Pentateuch (Deacon's Track)
Fall 2022
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class provides an introduction to the first five books of the Old Testament. These books are known as the Pentateuch (Greek) or the Torah (Hebrew). There will be special reference to their background, history, contents, and major themes.

This class intends to highlight the abiding significance of these books as the foundation of God's redemptive relationship with the world and the Law that Jesus came to fulfill, not abolish. One cannot understand the New Testament without understanding the Old Testament.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The Holy Bible - text & audiobook (a translation, *not a paraphrase*). **Audio Bibles are available from a variety of sources including the YouVersion Bible App. As you listen, please follow along with the written text. Approx. 200 Pages.**

THE BIG QUESTION

What is the abiding significance of the Pentateuch for our lives as followers of Jesus?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Appreciate the value of the Pentateuch for Christians.
2. Identify the purpose, themes, and structure of the Pentateuch.
3. Use basic principles for interpreting biblical law passages.
4. Explain how the Pentateuch informs their interpretation of the New Testament.
5. Relate the message of the Pentateuch to their own life and ministry.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Participation in Class – 10%

- The student will be engaged in class discussion and classroom practical activities throughout the course (such as the Passover “meal”).

Bible Reading – 75%

- The student will read the entirety of the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) throughout the class (**listening to their audiobook, and following along with the written text**). During the last class period they will indicate how many chapters they read out of the 187 chapters in the Pentateuch.

DUE: Wednesday, December 7th

Bible Memorization – 15%

- The student will memorize one passage from each book of the Pentateuch. The student will choose **one** of the following submission methods:
 - Write out the passage word for word (indicating the translation) at the beginning of the class period along with the rest of the class.
 - Write out the verse before the due date with a witness to sign off on the fact that they did it from memory.
 - Arrange a time before the due date to verbally recite the passage to the professor (the student will bring the Bible version that they memorized from for the professor to consult).
- The verses to be memorized are:
 - Genesis 15:6 ***DUE: Wednesday, October 5th***
 - Exodus 34:6-7 ***DUE: Wednesday, October 26th***
 - Leviticus 20:7-8 ***DUE: Wednesday, November 16th***
 - Numbers 6:24-26 ***DUE: Wednesday, November 23rd***
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ***DUE: Wednesday, December 7th***

GRADING

Participation:	10%
Bible Reading:	75%
<u>Bible Memorization:</u>	<u>15%</u>
TOTAL:	100%

Assignments will be due **at the beginning of the class period** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

Reading: approx. 200 pages

Writing: 3 pages

PENTATEUCH COURSE SCHEDULE:

Date	Subject	Assignment
Sept. 21	Syllabus review & Pentateuch overview	
Sept. 28	Genesis: 1-11	
Oct. 5	Genesis: 12-50/Exodus	• Genesis 15:6 Memorization
Oct. 12	Exodus	
Oct. 26	Exodus	• Exodus 34:6-7 Memorization
Nov. 2	Exodus/Leviticus	
Nov. 7-11	Reading Week	
Nov. 16	Leviticus	• Leviticus 20:7-8 Memorization
Nov. 23	Numbers	• Numbers 6:24-26 Memorization
Nov. 30	Numbers/Deuteronomy	
Dec. 7	Deuteronomy	• Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Memorization • Bible Reading Due
Dec. 14-16	Final Exam	

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