



Nipawin Bible College
BI4013 Wisdom Literature (Deacon's Track)
Winter 2023
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introductory study of the theology, as well as the major themes, in Old Testament Wisdom Literature. As human beings, we have all faced and wrestled with the complexities of living in our world. We all know, or will eventually know, what it means to grapple with the problems of suffering, morality and the meaning of life and love. Biblical Wisdom Literature invites us to consider all areas of life through the lens of "fear of the LORD."

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The Bible (a translation, *not a paraphrase*). **75 pages.**

Lucas, Ernest C. *A Guide to the Psalms & Wisdom Literature*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003. **100 pages.**

THE BIG QUESTIONS

What factors from the Bible's Wisdom Literature inform and shape a Christian's capacity to confidently and wisely face the difficult and perplexing issues of life?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

With successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Articulate the contemporary relevance of Old Testament Wisdom Literature.
2. Grasp the historical context behind wisdom thought and writings.
3. Understand major theological themes in biblical Wisdom Literature.
4. Appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's Word as it comes to us in this engaging genre while enjoying a deeper understanding of who God is and how He relates to us.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Participation in Class – 5%

- The student will be engaged in class discussion and classroom practical activities throughout the course.

Textbook Reading and Reflection – 35%

- Each student will be required to read **chapters 4-7** from the assigned textbook by Lucas. For each chapter, the student will write a few sentences that identify something new they learned, as well as why it is important to know.

DUE: See Course Schedule

Bible Memory – 30%

- The student will memorize the following verses throughout the semester. The student will write out the verse verbatim **with a classmate to witness that it is from memory**. The student will indicate **their translation and the name of the student who witnessed them writing the verse**. The student will then write out the verse as it appears in that translation by the beginning of the class period. The verses to be memorized are:
 - Proverbs 2:6-8 ***Due: January 30th***
 - Proverbs 9:10-12 ***Due: February 2nd***
 - Job 1:20-21 ***Due: February 9th***
 - Job 42:4-6 ***Due: February 16th***
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ***Due: March 16th***
 - Song of Songs 8:6-7 ***Due: April 3rd***

Bible Reading – 30%

- The student will read the entirety of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. On the due date they will indicate how many chapters they read *this semester* out of the 93 chapters.

DUE: April 6th

GRADING

Participation:	5%
Reading/Reflection (Lucas):	35%
Bible Memory:	30%
Bible Reading:	30%

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: 175 pages.
Writing: 1 page.

WISDOM LITERATURE CLASS SCHEDULE

DATE	SUBJECT	READING	ASSIGNMENT
1/16	Syllabus Review		
1/19	Intro to Wisdom Literature		
1/23	Intro to Wisdom Literature		
1/26	Proverbs	Proverbs (Lucas and Bible)	
1/30	Proverbs		Proverbs 2:6-8
2/2	Proverbs		Proverbs 9:10-12
2/6	Job	Job (L and B)	
2/9	Job		Job 1:20-21
2/13	Job		
2/16	Job		Job 42:4-6
2/27	Ecclesiastes	Eccles. (L and B)	
3/2	Ecclesiastes		
3/6	Ecclesiastes		
3/9 & 3/13	No class		
3/16	Ecclesiastes		Eccles. 12:13-14
3/20	Presentations		
3/23	Presentations		
3/27	Song of Songs	Song of Songs (L and B)	Reflection
3/30	Song of Songs		
4/3	Song of Songs		Song of Songs 8:6-7
4/6	Review		Bible Reading
4/12-13	Exam Week		

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