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**OT 941 • Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus**

This course is designed to launch the student's doctoral residency. Under the adviser's supervision, the student is expected to refine the dissertation topic, establish its need, defend its choice, and outline the procedure for its undertaking. Preparation of an extensive bibliography is also one of the course requirements.

*Four hours.*

**OT 942, 943, 944, 945, 946 • Dissertation Research I–V**

Once the Dissertation Prospectus Course has been completed, the student is expected to register for this course for each subsequent semester of residency during which the dissertation is being researched and written.

*Four hours each.*

**NEW TESTAMENT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE COURSES**

Because the New Testament is the culmination of divine revelation in written form, and therefore the major source of Christian truth, it is important for students to invest intensive study in comprehending and applying its vital contents. For this reason a significant part of the seminary curriculum focuses on a study of the Greek language in which the New Testament was written. Grammatical and syntactical studies are emphasized with the goal of equipping students for life-long effectiveness in the study and exposition of this essential part of God's revelation to man.

As a part of the orientation program beginning each semester, a Greek Proficiency Exam is given to all entering students who have taken Greek at the undergraduate level. Students have one opportunity to pass the Greek proficiency exam, that is the time when they first enter the seminary. Anyone not passing the proficiency exam at their first sitting or anyone not taking the exam when offered at the start of their first semester on campus will be required to enroll in and pass NT 401/402, or NT 403 as part of his seminary curriculum before enrolling in NT 603. Grades earned will be factored into the student's grade point average. Those who pass the exam are expected to enroll in Greek Exegesis I and II for the first year and in Hebrew Grammar I and II for the second year. Those entering seminary without having taken Greek, as well as those who do not pass the exam, are expected to enroll in Hebrew Grammar I and II for the first year, in Beginning Greek during the summer between the first and second year, and in Greek Exegesis I and II during the second year.

All of the courses listed under this heading, and designated by NT in the course identification, require extensive use of the Greek language.

**NT 400 • Beginning Greek I and II (Summer only)**

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek designed for those who have not had Greek and for those who have had some exposure to Greek but are unable to pass the proficiency examination. Emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, the basic principles of Greek syntax, and the effective use of lexical, grammatical, and syntactical tools. Includes translation of portions of the Greek New Testament. Permission to enter NT 603 is granted only when a minimum grade of "C" is achieved for both the final exam and the course. Credits are viewed as prerequisite and are not applicable toward degree requirements.

*Four hours.*

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**NT 401/402 • Beginning Greek I and II (Fall and Spring only)**

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek designed for those who have not had Greek and for those who have had some exposure to Greek but are unable to pass the proficiency examination. Emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, the basic principles of Greek syntax, and the effective use of lexical, grammatical, and syntactical tools. Includes translation of portions of the Greek New Testament. Permission to enter NT 603 is granted only when a minimum grade of “C” is achieved for both the final exam and the course. Credits are viewed as prerequisite and are not applicable toward degree requirements.

*Two hours each.*

**NT 603, 604 • Greek Exegesis I and II**

These courses are designed to make Greek a useful tool for interpreting the New Testament. The first semester builds Greek vocabulary, increases confidence in translation, highlights the significance of important grammatical features and syntactical structures, and introduces the practice of exegetical procedures. The exegetical method employed is both synthetic and analytical, with primary applicability to the didactic and epistolary literature of the New Testament. The second semester provides extensive opportunity for the application of exegetical methodologies in careful study of several epistles from the following list: 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, James, and 1 Peter. Prerequisite: passing the Greek Proficiency Exam, or NT 401, 402.

*Four hours each.*

**NT 655 • New Testament Translations**

An examination of various important New Testament translations, with particular emphasis on their textual bases and method of translation, to determine advantages and disadvantages of each. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 656 • Selected Greek Readings**

Various passages from the Greek New Testament are selected for translation. The passages selected are chosen on the basis of their contribution to Greek vocabulary, exposure to various syntactical features, or theological and devotional significance. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 675 • Life of Christ**

Examines the earthly life of our Lord, using a harmony of the Gospels as a basis for study. Evaluates historical, chronological, political, and geographic factors, but devotes primary attention to the theological issues relating to each event and discourse in the Gospels (see BI 675).

*Two hours.*

**NT 738 • M.Div. Thesis in New Testament Exegesis**

Students who have completed 60 hours of seminary studies with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher may write a thesis dealing with the exegesis of some brief portion of the New Testament or with some technical topic of significance for New Testament studies. A general commentary on a New Testament book or passage is not permitted. All seminary policies and deadlines for thesis projects must be strictly observed. Prerequisite: NT 604.

*Four hours.*

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**NT 741 • Exegesis of Mark**

This course involves a detailed study of the Greek text of Mark with an examination of important introductory matters as well as major interpretive, grammatical and theological issues. Prerequisite: NT 603

*Two hours.*

**NT 745 • Exegesis of John 1–12**

A detailed study of the Greek text of the first twelve chapters of John's gospel with an examination of important introductory matters as well as major interpretive and theological issues. Special emphasis will be given to the distinctive contribution of the gospel to the theology of the NT. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 746 • Exegesis of John 13–21**

A detailed study of the Greek text of the last nine chapters of John's gospel that deal with the Upper Room Discourse and the last days of Jesus on earth. A discussion of interpretive and theological issues and their distinctive contribution to the theology of the NT. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 747 • Exegesis of Luke 1–12**

This course involves a detailed study of the Greek text of Luke with an examination of important introductory matters as well as major interpretive, grammatical, and theological issues. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 748 • Exegesis of Luke 13–24**

This course involves a continuation of a detailed study of the Greek text of Luke (see Luke 1–12 NT 747) with an examination of important interpretive, grammatical and theological issues. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 749 • Exegesis of Acts 1–12**

This course involves a detailed study of the Greek text of Acts with an examination of important introductory matters as well as major interpretive, grammatical, and theological issues. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 750 • Exegesis of Acts 13–28**

This course involves a continuation of a detailed study of the Greek text of Acts (see Acts 1–12 NT 749) with an examination of important interpretive, grammatical and theological issues. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

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**NT 754 • Exegesis of Matthew 1–4, 8–12, 14–23, 26–28**

An examination of the Greek text in portions of Matthew not covered by NT 755. A detailed study of the Gospel of Matthew with particular attention given to introductory matters, discourses, and narrative portions. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 755 • Exegesis of Synoptic Discourses**

A study of the major discourses of Christ in the Synoptic Gospels. Principal attention is devoted to the Sermon on the Mount, the parables of the mysteries of the kingdom, and the Olivet Discourse. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 756 • Exegesis of Romans 1–8**

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of Romans 1–8, noting the structure and theological orientation of the chapters, and with special emphasis on the important teaching of the chapters with regard to man, sin, and salvation. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 757 • Exegesis of Romans 9–16**

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of Romans 9–16, noting the structure and theological orientation of the chapters, and with special emphasis on the important teaching of the chapters with regard to the role of Israel in God's plan and with regard to Christian deportment. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 759 • Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 1–6**

A detailed study of the Greek text of 1 Corinthians 1–6. Attention is focused upon the meaning and significance of important foundational truths necessary for effective ministry and leadership in the church. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 761 • Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 7–11**

An exegetical analysis of 1 Corinthians 7–11. The course is designed to take an in-depth look at Paul's response to extremely relevant questions concerning marriage, Christian liberty, and proper roles and responses in worship. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 762 • Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 12–14**

A careful study of 1 Corinthians 12–14, particularly the controversial passages, and suggestions regarding practical implementation of the lessons on spiritual gifts that are indicated therein. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

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**NT 763 • Exegesis of Galatians**

A careful consideration of the text of Galatians in the original language with special attention to the problems being addressed in the historical situation. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 764 • Exegesis of Ephesians**

A critical and exegetical study of the Epistle to the Ephesians, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical values. Special attention is given to the major exegetical and theological problems. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 766 • Exegesis of Philippians**

A careful analysis of the Greek text of the epistle, including an examination of each alternative solution in passages where interpretations differ. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 768 • Exegesis of Colossians**

A detailed exegesis of the Greek text, with special attention to the nature of the error to which the Colossian church was exposed. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 771, 772 • Exegesis of 2 Corinthians**

A critical and exegetical study, with special attention given to the theological, expository and practical values. Careful consideration is also given to the major exegetical and theological problems. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours each.*

**NT 777 • Exegesis of the Pastoral Epistles**

An exegetical analysis of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, with emphasis on the practical application of the instruction of these epistles for contemporary Christian living and pastoral responsibilities. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 782 • Exegesis of NT Gender Passages**

An exegetical study of NT gender passages with special attention given to the significance of the role of women in the church. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 784 • Exegesis of Hebrews**

An examination of the Greek text with a view toward definitive interpretation. Special attention is given to linguistic style and to the interpretation of the important warning passages. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

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**NT 785 • Exegesis of James**

A critical and exegetical study of the epistle, designed to emphasize theological, expository, and practical aspects. Special attention is given to the major interpretive issues. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 786 • Exegesis of 1 Peter**

A detailed exegetical study of 1 Peter. Special attention is given to the examination of major syntactical and lexical problems as well as to the structure, argument and overall message of the book. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 787 • 2 Peter and Jude**

An exegetical analysis of 2 Peter and Jude. Special emphasis is given to the structure, argument and message of 2 Peter with an additional focus on the uniqueness and similarities of Jude. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 790 • Theology of Peter**

A detailed study of theological truths taught in 1 & 2 Peter. The course will be based on exegetical digests of these two epistles. It will include a study of Peter's sermons in Acts and related doctrinal truths found in the epistles of James and Jude. Prerequisite: NT 604.

*Two hours.*

**NT 791 • Theology of Paul**

This course involves a first-hand study of the New Testament letters of the Apostle Paul as well as a critical reading of recent scholarly literature on these writings with a view to discovering the background, nature and distinctive of Paul's theology. Prerequisite: NT 604.

*Two hours.*

**NT 792 • Theology of John**

A firsthand study of the New Testament literature of the Apostle John as well as a critical reading of recent scholarly literature on these writings with a view to discovering the background, nature, and distinctives of John's theology. Prerequisite: NT 604 and one NT exegesis elective.

*Two hours.*

**NT 793 • Exegesis of the Johannine Epistles**

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of John's epistles, noting important introductory matters as well as major interpretive and theological issues in the epistles. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

**NT 795 • Exegesis of the Apocalypse**

A study based on the original text and emphasizing the literary structure, prominent systems of interpretation, exegetical problems, and theological values of this major apocalyptic book of the New Testament. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Two hours.*

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**NT 796 • New Testament Introduction**

A study of General Introduction and Special Introduction to the New Testament, including the fields of canonicity, textual criticism, criticism of the Synoptic Gospels, and special introductory matters pertaining to the books of the New Testament. Prerequisite: NT 603.

*Three hours.*

**NT 799 • New Testament Exegetical Research**

A limited number of credit hours may be earned by satisfactory completion of guided independent research. The special problem or area of investigation must relate closely to the course title, must be precisely stated in written form and must be pursued under faculty supervision and with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Administration. A fully documented research paper and a reading report are required. Because instruction and interaction within a classroom setting are significant elements of seminary coursework, research courses are permitted only when a particular course that is needed for graduation or for additional expertise is not offered, or when a faculty member recommends such a course as an aid both to himself and to the student. Information regarding requirements, procedures, and grading is available from the Administration office. Prerequisite: NT 603 and two years of seminary study (60 hours) with at least one year at The Master's Seminary (30 hours). Number of hours (not to exceed four) to be determined, prior to registration, by the faculty member involved.

*On demand, one to four hours.*

**NT 838 • Th.M. Thesis in NT Exegesis**

*Four hours.*

**NT 842 • Septuagint**

Introduction to the Greek grammar of the Septuagint and selected reading in the text of the Septuagint. The contribution of the Septuagint to both Old and New Testament studies will be presented. Prerequisites: NT 853, NT 854, OT 603 and one exegesis course in both NT and OT (See OT 842).

*Two hours.*

**NT 851 • Advanced Hermeneutics**

A study and evaluation of recent trends in the field of hermeneutics, along with new questions they raise regarding biblical inerrancy and interpretation. Prerequisites: BI 505 and NT 604.

*Two hours.*

**NT 853, 854 • Advanced Greek Grammar I and II**

A detailed study of the definitive works on the grammar of NT Greek with a view to providing a more confident approach to New Testament interpretation. Prerequisite: NT 604 and two NT exegesis electives.

*Two hours each.*

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**NT 855 • New Testament Textual Criticism**

A study of the history of the New Testament text and an evaluation of various theories regarding choosing correct variants in the text. Prerequisites: NT 603 and NT 796.

*Two hours.*

**NT 856 • Criticism of the Synoptic Gospels**

An explanation and analysis of various theories regarding source, form, redaction, and canon criticism as they pertain to the Synoptic Gospel. Prerequisite: NT 796.

*Two hours.*

**NT 867 • History of Synoptic Discussion**

A critical, in-depth analysis of the history of the Synoptic discussion, with special attention to any alleged literary relationships between the Synoptic Gospels, as well as the driving philosophies and/or evidences involved that have impacted such assertions. Coloring of a synopsis to highlight verbal agreements/disagreements is included. Prerequisites: NT 604 and one NT exegesis elective.

*Two hours.*

**NT 868 • History of New Testament Interpretation**

A critical and historical review of the history of interpretation of the New Testament with an emphasis on the modern historical period, from the Reformation through the Enlightenment to contemporary issues of NT theology and interpretation. Prerequisite: NT 604 and one NT exegesis elective.

*Two hours.*

**NT 896, 897 • Research Seminar**

Principles of thorough research. Supervised research into a problem related to New Testament studies. Periodic reports to other members of the seminar. Either one or two semesters devoted to the research. Elective for Th.M. students.

*Two hours each.*

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*On demand, one to four hours.*

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**NT 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906 • Th.D. Qualifying Exams I–VI**

Following acceptance into the Doctor of Theology degree program, a student must register for this course during any semester he intends to write one or more qualifying exams.

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*Four hours.*

**NT 942, 943, 944, 945, 946 • Dissertation Research I–V**

Once the Dissertation Prospectus Course has been completed, the student is expected to register for this course for each subsequent semester of residency during which the dissertation is being researched and written.

*Four hours each.*

**CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY COURSES**

The Christian Theology courses are designed to equip the student to understand, state, correlate, and defend biblical truths in his ministry, as well as to apply these truths to his personal life. The theological approach at The Master's Seminary emphasizes the exegetical and systematic rather than the philosophical, creedal, or sociological. The analytical and synthetic contributions of Bible exposition, the data drawn from exegesis of the Old Testament and the New Testament, and the insights gained from church history, are all combined in comparing, exhibiting, and defending the theological truths revealed in the Christian Scriptures.

Theology courses at The Master's Seminary are not taught merely for the purpose of satisfying intellectual curiosity, but for the purpose of helping students grasp the significance of theology for Christian living, for the ministry of Bible-believing churches world-wide, and for insightful interaction with contemporary issues. Courses are offered in both Systematic Theology and Historical Theology.

***Systematic Theology*****TH 605 • Theology I**

A study of prolegomena, dealing with the essence and source of systematic theology, and reasons for its study; theology proper, including revelation, trinitarianism, and God's relation to the universe; and bibliology, emphasizing inspiration and inerrancy. Prerequisite (or concurrent enrollment): BI 505.

*Three hours.*

**TH 606 • Theology II**

A study of Christology, the person and work of Jesus Christ; pneumatology, the person and work of the Holy Spirit; and angelology, including the nature and ministry of angels, Satan, and demons. Includes an introductory examination and critique of the charismatic movement. Prerequisite: TH 605

*Three hours.*