



Fall 2023 Online
B1703
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B1703 Tools Based Bible Study Luke Smith
Thursdays
Online Only for Virginia and Pennsylvania residents.

DESCRIPTION: “Walk with the wise and become wise.” (Proverbs 13:20) Tools Based Bible Study introduces students to a variety of tools used by interpreters of scripture. In this course students will learn to interact with the original languages of scripture. Students will learn how to maximize use of study Bibles, commentaries, textual apparatus, electronic resources and concordances.

SIGNIFICANCE FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY: The biblical world is both familiar and distant from the student’s present context. Teaching the Bible requires that one depend upon the research of others. One can be overwhelmed by the variety of resources available to help interpret scripture. In this course, students will develop skills to more effectively make use of scholarship to interpret the Bible for the church. Through this introduction to these various tools students will be able to efficiently develop and utilize a library of resources to better interpret scripture for the church.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Through the successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

Read basic words in Greek and Hebrew I.1.1, I.5.2.

Evaluate the contributions of various aides to studying the Bible I.1.1, I.1.2, I.2.2, I.4.1, I.5.3.

Understand the grammatical helps provided in various commentaries I.1.1, I.1.2, I.5.3.

Understand the basic textual critical apparatus I.1.1, I.1.2, I.2.2.

Utilize various cross-referencing resources I.1.1, I.1.2, I.5.3.

Utilize interlinear resources I.1.1, I.1.2, I.5.3.

COURSE FORMAT: This course will meet weekly. This course will be a hybrid of lecture and discussion. A significant portion of the weekly instruction will involve active interaction with the various tools being introduced. Online Only for Virginia and Pennsylvania residents.

REQUIRED READING:

Fields, Lee M. 2008. *Hebrew for the Rest of Us : Using Hebrew Tools without Mastering Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan.

Hays, Richard B. 2016. *Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels*. Waco: Baylor University Press

Kugel, James L. 2008. *How to Read the Bible : A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now*. New York: Free Press.

Mounce, William D. *Greek for the Rest of Us: Learn Greek to Study The New Testament with Interlinears and Bible Software*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2023.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT:

- Attendance and Class Participation 50%
- Midterm Exam 25%
- Final Exam 25%

PREREQUISITES: Spiritual Formation

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: This course meets a core curriculum requirement for all Leland master's degrees and graduate certificates.

GRADING SCALE: according to Leland Student Handbook pp. 20-21.

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