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Purpose:  
The purpose of the course is to expose the student to both canonical and non-canonical texts that helped to shape the various forms of earliest Christianities.

Required Texts:  
Attridge, H., The HarperCollins Study Bible (New Revised Standard Version)  
Fortress Commentary on the Bible: New Testament  
Sanders, E.P., Paul: A Very Short Introduction  
Jefford, Clayton, Reading the Apostolic Fathers

Course Grade:  
20% Class Participation/Attendance  
40% Quizzes – 4 Quizzes (Acts, Apocryphal Acts, Pauline Quotations, Apostolic Fathers)  
40% Research paper – 10-12 pages – topic to be determined in consultation with instructor

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absenteeism will result in lowering of the student’s grade.

For UF policies on grading, please see:  
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.
ASSIGNMENTS

JAN 7  General Introduction to the Course

9     Earliest Christianity – What came first?

12    Luke/Acts
      Fortress Commentary, pp. 309-328

14    Acts 1-8
      Fortress Commentary, pp. 328-40

16    Acts 9-15.35
      Fortress Commentary, pp. 340-51
      Sanders, pp. 1-31

19    Martin Luther King Day – no class

21    Acts 15.36-23.35
      Fortress Commentary, pp. 351-357, 365-93

23    Acts 24.1-28.31
      Fortress Commentary, pp. 357-63

26    Apocryphal Acts – Introduction
      Klauck, pp. 1-14

28    QUIZ 1 – Acts (canonical)

30    Apocryphal Acts – Acts of John
      Translation: http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/actsjohn.html
      Klauck, pp. 15-45

FEB 2  Apocryphal Acts – Acts of Paul
      Klauck, pp. 47-79

4     Apocryphal Acts – Acts of Peter
      Klauck, pp. 81-112

6     Apocryphal Acts – Acts of Andrew
      Klauck, pp. 113-40
9  Apocryphal Acts – Acts of Thomas
   Translation: http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/actsthomas.html
   Klauck, pp. 141-79

   Klauck, pp. 231-63

13 1,2 Thessalonians
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 573-88
   Sanders, pp. 32-40

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16 QUIZ 2 – Apocryphal Acts

18 Galatians 1-2 and Acts
   Fortress Commentary, 503-13
   Sanders, pp. 52-75

20 Galatians 3-5
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 513-25
   Sanders, pp. 98-117

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23 Corinthian Correspondence and 1 Corinthians 1-7
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 427-446
   Sanders, pp. 118-36

25 1 Corinthians 8-16
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 446-71

27 2 Corinthians
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 473-501

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MAR 2-6 Spring Break

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9  Romans 1-6
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 395-407
   Sanders, pp. 76-90

11 Romans 7-11
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 407-16
   Sanders, pp. 137-49

13 Romans 12-16
   Fortress Commentary, pp. 416-26

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16  Philippians, Philemon  
    Fortress Commentary, pp. 543-56, 613-20  
    Sanders, pp. 91-97  

18  Colossians  
    Fortress Commentary, pp. 557-72  

20  Post-Pauline – Ephesians; Pastoral Epistles; Hebrews; 1,2 Peter; Jude; Hebrews; James; Jude; 1,2,3 John; Revelation  

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23  QUIZ 3 – Pauline Quotations  

25  Post-Pauline - Ephesians; Pastoral Epistles; Hebrews; 1,2 Peter; Jude; Hebrews; James; Jude; 1,2,3 John; Revelation  

27  Apostolic Fathers - Letter of Barnabas  
    Jefford, pp. xvii-xxviii, 1-21  

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30  Apostolic Fathers – Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles)  
    Jefford, pp. 23-42  

APR 1  Apostolic Fathers – Letters of Ignatius; Papias  
    Translation: http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/ignatius.html  
    (read Roberts-Donaldson translations of each letter – to Polycarp, Smyrnaeans, Philadelphians, Romans, Trallians, Magnesians, Ephesians)  
    Jefford, pp. 43-72  

3  Apostolic Fathers - Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians  
    Jefford, pp. 73-85  

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6  Apostolic Fathers - Martyrdom of Polycarp  
    Jefford, pp. 87-101  

8  Apostolic Fathers - 1 Clement  
    Translation: http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/1clement-roberts.html  
    Jefford, pp. 103-21
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