

# NEW TESTAMENT – SYLLABUS T 5-6/R6 Anderson 21

**Instructor:**

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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> period  
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or by appointment

**Purpose:**

The primary focus of the course will be to acquaint the beginning student with the literary, social, historical, and religious contexts of the various New Testament writings.

**Required Texts:**

Bart Ehrman, *A Brief Introduction to the New Testament* (4<sup>th</sup> edition) – note glossary on pp. 353-364  
K. Aland et al, *Synopsis of the Four Gospels in English*  
*The Harper Collins Study Bible* (New Revised Standard Version)

**Course grade:**

30%	Gospels Exam
30%	Pauline Exam
15%	Post-Pauline Exam
15%	ONE paper (book about the Historical Jesus or Paul) -- due MAY 3 (5-6 pp.)
10%	Attendance and daily class assignments

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

**Grading Scale:**

Final letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

A	93-100	C+	77-79
A-	90-92	C	73-76
B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D	60-69
B-	80-82	E	0-59

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

### **Course Evaluations:**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>.

### **Classroom Accommodations:**

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**

**It is important to remind students that lectures given in this class are the property of the University/faculty member and may not be taped without prior permission from the lecturer and may not be used for any commercial purpose. Students found to be in violation may be subject to discipline under the University Student Conduct Code.**

*In addition to the reading assignments listed below, some specific discussion topics will periodically be posted on the class website or emailed to the class listserv at least one day in advance of the topic to be covered.*

<b>JAN 9</b>	General Introduction to the Course Ehrman, pp. 11-12 (Some Additional Reflections . . .) Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xiii-xix, xxxi-xxxiii
<b>11</b>	What is the NT? - Preconceptions and Biases Ehrman, pp. 1-11 Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxix-xliii
<b>16, 18</b>	Historical/Theological Background Ehrman, pp. 14-45, pp. between 167 and 168 Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xliv-lvi
<b>23</b>	Introduction to the Gospels: The Synoptic Problem (1 <sup>st</sup> hour) Ehrman, pp. 46-61, 158-167 Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. 1653-1663
<b>23, 25, 30</b>	Gospel of Mark (2 <sup>nd</sup> hour Jan 23) Ehrman, pp. 61-76 Gospel of Mark
<b>FEB 1, 6</b>	Gospel of Matthew Ehrman, pp. 77-94 Gospel of Matthew

8, 13,	Gospel of Luke/Book of Acts Ehrman, pp. 95-111; 168-184 Gospel of Luke; Acts 1-12
15, 20	Gospel of John Ehrman, pp. 112-130 Gospel of John
22	Introduction to Paul; Acts 13-28 Ehrman, pp. 185-204, pp. between 267 and 268 (review pp. 168-184) Acts 13-28 (see also Harper Collins Study Bible, p. 1908)
27	<b><u>GOSPELS EXAM</u></b>
MAR 1	1, 2 Thessalonians Ehrman, pp. 205-219, 268-273 1, 2 Thessalonians
MAR 3-11	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
13	Galatians Ehrman, pp. 237-245 Galatians
15, 20	1, 2 Corinthians Ehrman, pp. 220-236 1,2 Corinthians
22, 27	Romans Ehrman, pp. 254-267 Romans
29	Philippians, Philemon, Colossians Ehrman, pp. 245-253, 273-275 Philippians, Philemon, Colossians
3	<b><u>PAULINE EXAM</u></b>
5	Ephesians Ehrman, pp. 275-279 Ephesians
10	Pastoral Epistles (1,2 Timothy, Titus); Hebrews Ehrman, pp. 279-318 1,2 Timothy, Titus; Hebrews

- 12 James, 1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter  
Ehrman, pp. 319-330  
James, 1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter
- 17, 19 1,2,3 John; Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)  
Ehrman, pp. 330-352  
1, 2, 3 John; Revelation
- 24 **POST-PAULINE EXAM**