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# NEW TESTAMENT – SYLLABUS

MWF 5 (11:45-12:35)  
Anderson 0101

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**Office Hours:**

Monday, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> period  
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**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) - recommended

**Course grade:**

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| 30% | Gospels Exam   |
| 30% | Pauline Exam   |
| 15% | Post-Pauline Exam  |
| 15% | ONE paper (book about the Historical Jesus or Paul) -- <b>due APRIL 30</b> (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:

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|----|--------|----|-------|
| 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.*

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| <b>JAN 7</b>          | General Introduction to the Course<br>Ehrman, pp. 11-12 (Some Additional Reflections . . .)<br>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xiii-xix, xxxi-xxxiii |
| <b>9</b>              | What is the NT? - Preconceptions and Biases<br>Ehrman, pp. 1-11<br>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxix-xliii                                       |
| <b>11, 14, 16, 18</b> | Historical/Theological Background<br>Ehrman, pp. 14-45, pp. between 167 and 168<br>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xliv-lvi              |
| <b>23</b>             | Introduction to the Gospels: The Synoptic Problem<br>Ehrman, pp. 46-61, 158-167<br>Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. 1653-1663                         |
| <b>25, 28, 30</b>     | Gospel of Mark<br>Ehrman, pp. 61-76<br>Gospel of Mark  |
| <b>FEB 1, 4, 6</b>    | Gospel of Matthew<br>Ehrman, pp. 77-94<br>Gospel of Matthew  |

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| 8, 11, 13  | Gospel of Luke/Book of Acts<br>Ehrman, pp. 95-111; 168-184<br>Gospel of Luke; Acts 1-12  |
| 15, 18, 20 | Gospel of John<br>Ehrman, pp. 112-130<br>Gospel of John  |
| 22         | Introduction to Paul; Acts 13-28<br>Ehrman, pp. 185-204, pp. between 267 and 268 (review pp. 168-184)<br>Acts 13-28 (see also Harper Collins Study Bible, p. 1908) |

**25** **GOSPELS EXAM** (covers material from January 11 - February 20)

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| 27           | 1, 2 Thessalonians                                 |
| <b>MAR 1</b> | Ehrman, pp. 205-219, 268-273<br>1, 2 Thessalonians |

**MAR 2-10** **SPRING BREAK**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 11, 13       | Galatians<br>Ehrman, pp. 237-245<br>Galatians                         |
| 15, 18, 20   | 1, 2 Corinthians<br>Ehrman, pp. 220-236<br>1,2 Corinthians            |
| 22, 25, 27   | Romans<br>Ehrman, pp. 254-267<br>Romans                               |
| 29           | Philippians, Philemon<br>Ehrman, pp. 245-253<br>Philippians, Philemon |
| <b>APR 1</b> | Colossians<br>Ehrman, pp. 273-275<br>Colossians                       |
| 3            | Ephesians<br>Ehrman, pp. 275-279<br>Ephesians                         |

5                      Pastoral Epistles (1,2 Timothy, Titus)  
                         Ehrman, pp. 279-300  
                         1,2 Timothy, Titus

**8**                      **PAULINE EXAM** (covers material from February 22 – April 1)

10, 12                Hebrews  
                         Ehrman, pp. 301-318  
                         Hebrews

15                    James, 1 Peter  
                         Ehrman, pp. 319-327  
                         James, 1 Peter

17                    Jude, 2 Peter  
                         Ehrman, pp. 327-330  
                         Jude, 2 Peter

19                    1,2,3 John  
                         Ehrman, pp. 330-337  
                         1, 2, 3 John

22                    Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)  
                         Ehrman, pp. 338-352  
                         Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)

**24**                    **POST-PAULINE EXAM** (covers material from April 3 – April 22)