

INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT STUDY
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
The Pastoral Ministry Certificate
First Baptist Church Gonzales Extension
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The Pastoral Ministry Certificate

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Certificate is to provide supplemental training for ministers and laypersons in the areas of pastoral work, biblical interpretation, and Christian education.

Purpose of the Course

The focus of this course, The Introduction to New Testament Study, is to provide a survey of the New Testament. The study consists of a brief overview of each book, including pertinent geographical and historical information.

Course Textbook

Geisler, Norman L. A Popular Survey of the New Testament. *Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2014.*

(Note: The 2014 edition is the recommended version, which is paperback. The hardcover and kindle editions will not match the page numbers of this syllabus.)

Attendance

Because of the intense schedule of these certificate courses, the student should strive to be at every class meeting. Any more than two absences will result in the student being dropped from the course.

Course Requirements

1. Students will need to bring a Bible to class.
2. Students will be required to read the New Testament during the course of the class. A question of completion will be part of the final exam. Students may use an audio recording of the Bible to assist with this reading requirement.
3. Students will be required to read the textbook, A Popular Survey of the New Testament by Norman Geisler. A reading schedule can be found below in the course schedule.
4. A quiz will be given at the start of each class period. A total of four quizzes will be given and the lowest score will be dropped. The quiz may cover material from the textbook, assigned bible reading, and class notes.
5. There will be two exams; a Mid-course exam and a Final exam.

Course Evaluation

- 10%--Reading requirements
- 30%--Quizzes
- 30%--Mid-course exam
- 30%--Final exam

Course Schedule

Monday, August 16---6:30pm-9:00pm

- *Registration
- *The Background of the NT / Intertestamental History
- *New Testament Text and Canon
- *Life of Jesus
- *Introduction of the Gospels / The Synoptic Problem
- *Matthew, Mark
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 9-75

Monday, August 23---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *Last night for registration
- *Reading Quiz #1
- *Luke, John, Acts
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 76-121

Monday, August 30---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *Reading Quiz #2
- *Introduction to the Epistles, Paul's Chronology
- *Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 122-170

Monday, September 6---LABOR DAY---NO CLASS

Monday September 13---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *MID-COURSE EXAM
- *Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 171-199

Monday, September 20---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *Reading Quiz #3
- *1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 200-241

Monday, September 27---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *Reading Quiz #4
- *James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, Revelation
- *Reading: Text: Geisler, 242-298

Monday, October 4---6:30pm-8:45pm

- *FINAL EXAM