

BIUS1160 Hermeneutics
The Pastoral Ministry Certificate---NOBTS
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, doctrine, biblical interpretation, and Christian education.

Purpose of the Course

This course, **Hermeneutics**, is designed to equip the student for careful, correct biblical interpretation. The student will learn to read more carefully, to evaluate contexts correctly, and to interpret meanings and devise applications from texts of each biblical literary genre.

Course Textbooks

Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: a Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Michigan: Zondervan, 2012. (THIRD Edition)

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 be required to read the assigned pages. A reading schedule can be found below in the course schedule. Accountability for completion will be on the final exam.
2. A quiz will be given at the start of class. A total of four quizzes will be given and the lowest quiz score will be dropped.
3. There will be two exams, a Mid-Course Exam and a Final Exam.

Course Evaluation

- 30%--Quizzes on textbook and notes (The lowest quiz score will be dropped)
- 35%--Mid-course exam
- 35%--Final Exam

Course Schedule

Monday, October 18---6:30-9:00 p.m.

- *Registration and payment of fees
- *Introduction and Syllabus
- *Lecture: Introduction to Interpretation
- *Reading for October 25th class:
Grasping God's Word: Part 1: How to Read the Book (p.23-112).

Monday, October 25---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*Quiz #1

*Lecture: Context, Culture, and the Sands of Time

*Reading for November 1st class:

Grasping God's Word: Part 2 : Contexts (p.115-187)

Monday, November 1---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*Quiz #2

*Lecture: Who Controls Meaning, Extracting Applications from the Text;
Understanding and Applying the Epistles

*Reading for November 8th class:

Grasping God's Word: Part 3: Meaning and Application (p.191-247)

Grasping God's Word: Part 4: New Testament – Letters (p.251-268)

Monday, November 8---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*MID-COURSE EXAM

*Lecture: Understanding and Applying the Gospels and Acts

*Reading for November 15th class:

Grasping God's Word: Part 4: New Testament – Gospels and Acts (p.269-307)

Monday, November 15---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*Reading Quiz #3

*Lecture: Understanding and Applying Revelation
Understanding and Applying the Law and Narratives

*Reading for November 29th class:

Grasping God's Word: Part 4: New Testament - Revelation (p.309-330)

Grasping God's Word: Part 5: Old Testament – Narrative & Law (p.333-372)

Monday, November 22nd

- THANKSGIVING WEEK --- No Class Meeting

Monday, November 29th---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*Reading Quiz #4

*Lecture: Understanding and Applying Poetry and Wisdom Literature
Understanding and Applying the Major and Minor Prophets

*Reading for September 23:

Grasping God's Word: Part 5: Old Testament – Poetry, Prophets, Wisdom (p.373-442)

Monday, December 6th---6:30-8:45 p.m.

*FINAL EXAM