

BI - 390 Biblical Research & Writing
Wednesdays // Room 204 // Time: 5:30 – 6:50 pm
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of research methods for finding relevant information on a Bible-related topic, and of the method for writing clear papers in proper form and style. Also includes a study of methods for analyzing the structure of a scriptural passage including words, clauses, sentences, questions, etc.

II. PURPOSE

To improve the students' skills for scriptural research, familiarize them with available methods and tools, instruct them in proper procedures on how to organize research efforts and data, help them improve writing style, and acquaint them with an acceptable format for research papers.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, students will be able to do the following:

- A. Trace the time line and theme of a passage in Scripture.
- B. Identify the major and minor transitions in a passage.
- C. Make tree diagrams of the literary structure of passages.
- D. Write down the steps and timetable necessary to complete research and writing.
- E. Gather and utilize sources pertinent to their topic of research.
- F. Compose a clearly and logically written research paper.

III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK – The Bible (King James Version); APA Style & Format reference book or online resource.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING SYSTEM:

Grades will be figured on the following basis:

Quizzes.....	30%
Topic of Research Paper	10%
Thesis Statement of Research Paper	10%
Tentative Outline of Research Paper	10%
Introduction and Conclusion of Research Paper..	10%

Rough Draft of Research Paper (10-15 pages) 10%
Final Research Paper (10-15 pages) 20%

Grading Scale:

A (90-100)
B (80-89)
C (70-79)

Note: *A minimum grade of "C" is required for credit.*

V. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance will be taken at every class and will be recorded. Students are allowed one absence in this course without penalty. Absences beyond this could result in no credit for the class. At the discretion of the professor, a missed quiz may be made up within one week of returning to class.