

Nazarene Theological Seminary
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Course Prospectus

BIB510 – Introduction to the Bible

Course Vision:

An introduction to the content of the Bible focusing on the major persons, events, and narrative lines. Emphasis will be given to geography and the historical background of the Bible.

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course students will be able to:

- 1) identify the main story line of the Old and New Testaments,
- 2) identify the main people described in the Old and New Testaments and their role in the story,
- 3) describe the historical context of the major sections of the Bible,
- 4) arrange the main persons and events of the Old and New Testament in chronological order,
- 5) identify the kind of literature (genre) of the books of the Old and New Testaments,
- 6) describe the main thrust of the books of the Old and New Testaments, and
- 7) locate the main places that are important in the stories of the Old and New Testaments.

Course Approach:

Since mastery of foundational biblical content is the primary learning outcome for the course, an on-line biblical tutorial with thorough content descriptions and self-timed tests will serve as a major educational mode. The student will access the on-line tutorial from any computer with internet capability with passwords provided by the Seminary. One password will allow the student access to the materials and an additional password will allow access to proctored examinations. The final portion of the course will be built around mastery of material in the two textbooks. This mastery will be demonstrated via exams.

Course Texts:

Bible Tutor®, Luther Productions.

Johnston, Philip S., ed. *The IVP Introduction to the Bible*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2006.

Lawrence, Paul, ed. *THE IVP Atlas of Bible History*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2006.

Course Requirements:

1. All students are required to sign and return the "Course Integrity Agreement" attached to the syllabus before **Wednesday, May 20th**. The student will receive the institutional passwords when the form has been received by the proctor.
2. A video orientation will be available on Moodle for students on **Thursday, May 21st**. This orientation has step-by-step instructions for the six Bible Tutor® On-line part of the course.
3. All students must complete six Bible Tutor® On-line Advanced Proctored Exams **before Friday, June 19, 2009**. *There will be a penalty of 2 point per day deducted from the total points for the Bible Tutor® On-line Advanced Proctored Exams.* These tests will address Course Objectives 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7.
4. Only those advanced tests with the largest number of questions in the test category will be accepted. The six tests include the following:
 - ❑ People Test (50 questions)
 - ❑ Book Test (30 questions)
 - ❑ Map Test (30 questions)
 - ❑ General Knowledge Test (50 questions)
 - ❑ Scripture Passages Test (50 questions)
 - ❑ Complete Test with Passages (100 questions)

All Bible Tutor® tests must be completed by **Friday, June 19, 2009**. There is no prescribed order in which the tests should be taken. It is in the student's best interest to take the Complete Test with Passages toward the end of the tutorial. The student may take the tests as many times as he/she desires to make an acceptable score. The maximum point total from these tests is 310 points. The proctor will access scores through the computer program. The student is not responsible for reporting his/her scores to the proctor.

Special Instructions for Noting Examination Sessions:

In order to protect the student from fraudulent tests being taken in the student's name, each student should keep a written log of the date, time and type for each Bible Tutor® test. A log is provided on Page 6 of the syllabus. The written record should be submitted on **Friday, August 7, 2009**. Only the proctor (through a protected password) has access to individual student scores. The proctor also has access to information concerning the date, time, and type of examination.

5. All students must read the two required texts.
6. All students must complete *The IVP Introduction to the Bible* exam before **Friday, July 17, 2009**. The exam will be available on Moodle **Monday, July 6, 2009**. This

exam will address Course Objectives 1, 5, and 6. Study Guides are available on the BIB510 Moodle site. This exam will be worth a maximum of 150 points. This exam **may not be repeated** so be prepared when you open it.

7. All students must complete *THE IVP Atlas of Bible History* exam before **Friday, August 7, 2009**. The exam will be available on Moodle **Monday, July 27, 2009**. This exam will address Course Objectives 3, 4, and 7. Study Guides are available on the BIB510 Moodle site. This exam will be worth a maximum of 150 points. This exam **may not be repeated** so be prepared when you open it.

Course Due Dates:

Course Integrity Agreement – **5/20/2009**

Proctored Examinations - All six tests must be completed before **6/19/2009**

The IVP Introduction to the Bible Exam – **7/17/2009**

THE IVP Atlas of Bible History Exam – **8/7/2009**

Course Evaluation:

Students will take only the On-line Advanced Version of the Proctored Exams. Paper examination will not be accepted. The grading scale is based on the total points (one point per question) from the highest score on each test. The following represent the total possible points from each On-line Advanced Version of the Proctored Exam in each category:

- People Test - 50 possible points
- Book Test - 30 possible points
- Map Test - 30 possible points
- General Knowledge Test - 50 possible points
- Scripture Passages Test – 50 possible points
- Complete Tests With Passages - 100 possible points

The final grade is based on the total of the 1) accumulated points from the highest score of each of the six On-Line Bible Tutor® tests, and 2) the scores of the two book exams.

540 – 610 total points - A
480 – 539 total points - B
400 – 479 total points - C
399 – total points or less - F

Note: Since the course is designed to achieve a mastery level, no grade of “D” will be awarded.

Withdrawal and Refund Schedule:

Due to the nature of the course, students should be aware that the semester withdrawal dates and refund schedule is the same for the On-Line Bible Tutor®.

Students with Learning Disabilities:

Our commitment is to make a reasonable effort to facilitate the learning for students capable of graduate level work. Any student who has a condition that prevents full demonstration of his/her abilities should contact the proctor to discuss learning needs, alternatives that have worked in the past, and mutually agreed upon strategies to ensure the student's maximum participation and appropriate evaluation in this course.

Proctor's Availability:

Please feel free to make an appointment with the proctor if you should have questions about the course or should have problems with accessing the database. Phone messages, voice mail, or e-mail will be acknowledged and returned at the earliest convenience.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

For General Review of Materials and Practice Bible Tutor® Exams:

1. Using the internet access, type in the Website address: <http://online.bible tutor.com/help>
2. Under General Access, click on
Nazarene Theological Seminary: <http://online.bible tutor.com/nts/>
3. Type in the following in the login box:
User Name: nts (use lowercase)
Password: _____ (use lowercase and no spaces)
4. OK
5. Click on "Start"
6. Click on "Advanced"
7. Select any of the following for review:
 - How to use. . .
 - Overview
 - Books
 - People
 - Dates
 - General Knowledge

- ❑ Self Tests

For Proctored Exams:

1. Using the internet access, type in the Website address: <http://online.bibleletutor.com/help>
2. Under “Proctoring Exams”, click on
Nazarene Theological Seminary:<http://online.bibleletutor.com/nts/autotest/html/>
This will automatically take you to the Advanced OnLine exams.
3. Select any one of the following exams:
 - ❑ People Tests, 50
 - ❑ Book Tests, 30
 - ❑ Map Tests, 30
 - ❑ General Knowledge Tests, 50
 - ❑ Scripture Passages, 50
 - ❑ Complete Tests With Passages, 100
4. After completing the exam, type in the following information:
 - ❑ Student Name: Use first and last of own name
 - ❑ Proctor: Asher
 - ❑ Password: _____
8. Click on “Submit Test”. The results will appear. Record the total number of questions answered correctly on your Student Log.

BIB510 Student Log

Student's Name: _____ Degree _____ Semester: _____

Proctored Exams	Total Questions	Total Correct	Date and Time
<i>Example: Map Test</i>	10	9	<i>Date: Fri Jul 7 15:45:55 CDT 2002</i>
People Tests	50		
Book Tests	30		
Map Tests	30		
General Knowledge Tests	50		
Scripture Passages	50		
Complete Tests With Passages	100		
Totals:	310		

Course Integrity Agreement

The integrity of BIB510 – Introduction to the Bible as a graduate level course is dependent on responsible use of the On-Line Bible Tutor® Program. Nazarene Theological Seminary has a legal contract with The Bible Tutor that places the responsibility to protect accessibility to the program on NTS. The use of the institutional password and the test password are reserved for those persons who have enrolled in the course.

Since the On-Line Advanced Proctored Examinations may be taken from any computer with internet accessibility, the validity of the exam is dependent on the student's integrity to take the exam without the benefit of aid (specifically, without books, notes, and/or advisement from other persons).

Therefore:

- Each student must protect accessibility to the Bible Tutor program by not sharing the password to the General Review of Materials and Practice Exams or On-line Advanced Proctored Exams with any other person within or outside of the Nazarene Theological Seminary community.
- Each student must take the On-Line Advanced Proctored Examinations without the aid of notes, books, or advisement from other persons.
- Each student must take the On-Line Advanced Proctored Examinations in his/her own name.

I have read and understand the Course Integrity Agreement and commit to abide by the three stipulations.

Student's Signature

Date

Print Name

Email address