

## ***SAMPLE SYLLABI***

For your convenience, we have produced four syllabi: Two undergraduate, one Master's, and one Doctoral level. *Please develop your syllabi using these as your examples. Follow the general format exactly, changing only those things that relate specifically to your course.* Each syllabus should not be more than one page.

Also, please attempt to keep your syllabus to only one page long, like the samples below.

## **A Freshman- and Sophomore-level class sample syllabus**

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### **SYLLABUS**

**Course:** BI-240 Biblical Hermeneutics 4SH

**Term:** Can be taken anytime throughout the year

**System:** Semester

**Student:** Joe Student, [JoeStudent@School.com](mailto:JoeStudent@School.com), Student # JS-A-217

**Mentor:** Joe Professor, Ph.D.

**Date:** September 3, 2015

**Reading requirement:** 500 pages minimum

#### **Primary Texts:**

*An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*, by Walter C. Kaiser and Moises Silva (Zondervan, 1994), ISBN: 0310530903, (302 pages).

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 3rd edition by Gordon Fee, Douglas Stuart (Zondervan, 2003), ISBN: 0310246040, (288 pages).

*Other reading and research to be determined.*

**Description:** Four hours credit. This course is designed to familiarize the student with biblical interpretation. Special emphasis will be placed upon exegesis in light of history, grammar, and theological content.

#### **Course Objectives:**

1. Understand the role of hermeneutics in biblical study.
2. Be conversant in the historical development of hermeneutical principles.
3. Understand and be capable of implementing the key components of hermeneutics.

#### **Learning Activities:**

1. Reading all primary texts and other assigned material.
2. Submitting a final term paper (minimum 3 to 5-pages).

**Grade Evaluation:** Term paper – 100 points

**Undergrad Grade Scale:** A+ 100; A 99-96, A- 95-92, B+ 91-89, B 88-86, B- 85-83, C+ 82-80, C 79-77, C- 76-74, D+ 73-71, D 70-68, D- 67-65, F 64-0

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## **A Junior- and Senior-level class sample syllabus**

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### **SYLLABUS**

**Course:** BI-440 Biblical Hermeneutics 4SH

**Term:** Can be taken anytime throughout the year

**System:** Semester

**Student:** Joe Student, [JoeStudent@School.com](mailto:JoeStudent@School.com), Student # JS-B-432

**Mentor:** Joe Professor, Ph.D.

**Date:** September 3, 2015

**Reading requirement:** 700 pages minimum

#### **Primary Texts:**

*The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* by Grant R. Osborne (InterVarsity Press, 1991), ISBN: 0830812881, (499 pages).

*An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*, by Walter C. Kaiser and Moises Silva (Zondervan, 1994), ISBN: 0310530903, (302 pages).

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 3rd edition by Gordon Fee, Douglas Stuart (Zondervan, 2003), ISBN: 0310246040, (288 pages).

*Other reading and research to be determined.*

**Description:** Four hours credit. This course is designed to familiarize the student with biblical interpretation. Special emphasis will be placed upon exegesis in light of history, grammar, and theological content.

#### **Course Objectives:**

1. Understand the role of hermeneutics in biblical study.
2. Be conversant in the historical development of hermeneutical principles.
3. Understand and be capable of implementing the key components of hermeneutics:
  - a. Grammatical interpretation
  - b. Historical-contextual interpretation
  - c. Theological interpretation
  - d. Special area interpretation (typology, parables, prophecy, etc.)

#### **Learning Activities:**

1. Reading all primary texts and other assigned material and using collateral texts as determined by my mentor for study and reference.
2. Submitting a final term paper (minimum 5 to 10 pages).

**Grade Evaluation:** Term paper – 100 points

**Undergrad Grade Scale:** A+ 100; A 99-96, A- 95-92, B+ 91-89, B 88-86, B- 85-83, C+ 82-80, C 79-77, C- 76-74, D+ 73-71, D 70-68, D- 67-65, F 64-0

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## **A Master's-level class sample syllabus**

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**Course:** BI-506 New Testament Exegesis

**Term:** Can be taken anytime throughout the year

**System:** Semester

**Student:** Joe Student, [JoeStudent@School.com](mailto:JoeStudent@School.com), Student # JS-M-589

**Mentor:** Joe Professor, Ph.D.

**Date:** September 3, 2015

**Reading requirement:** 1000 pages minimum

#### **Primary Texts:**

*New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*, by Gordon D. Fee (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002), ISBN: 0664223168, (195 pages).

*Toward an Exegetical Theology: Biblical Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching*, by Walter C. Kaiser (Baker Academic; 1st paperback ed, 1998), ISBN: 0801021979, (268 pages).

*Using New Testament Greek in Ministry: A Practical Guide for Students and Pastors*, by David Alan Black (Baker Academic, 1993), ISBN: 0801010438, (128 pages)

*Exegetical Fallacies*, by D. A. Carson (Baker Academic; 2nd edition, 1996), ISBN: 0801020867, (148 pages).

*Listening to the Spirit in the Text*, by Gordon D. Fee, (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000), ISBN: 0802847579, (180 pages).

*Old Testament Exegesis: A Primer for Students and Pastors*, by Douglas K. Stuart (Westminster John Knox Press; 2nd Rev&En edition, 1984), ISBN: 0664245595, (142 pages).

*Other reading and research to be determined.*

**Description:** Four hours credit. This course is designed to provide a general understanding of important exegetical concepts as they relate to the Bible and the New Testament specifically.

**Course Objectives:** The student should

1. Be conversant with important exegetical concepts and the various issues and principles involved in understanding the meaning of the biblical text.
2. Begin to lay a foundation for further learning and study on the topic.
3. Be able to research select portions of scripture through the use of some reference tools and commentaries.

#### **Learning Activities:**

1. Reading **all** primary texts
2. Submitting a 12 to 15 (minimum) page exegetical term paper.

**Grade Evaluation:** Term Paper — 100 points

**Graduate Grade Scale:** A+ 100, A 99-97, A- 96-94, B+ 93-91, B 90-89, B- 88-86, C+ 85-83, C 82-78, C- 77-75, D+ 74-72, D 71-69, D- 68-66, F 65-0

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### **SYLLABUS**

**Course:** BI-806 New Testament Exegesis

**Term:** Can be taken anytime throughout the year

**System:** Semester

**Student:** Joe Student, [JoeStudent@School.com](mailto:JoeStudent@School.com), Student # JS-D-601

**Mentor:** Joe Professor, Ph.D.

**Date:** September 3, 2015

**Reading requirement:** 1400 pages minimum

#### **Primary Texts:**

*New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*, by Gordon D. Fee  
(Westminster John Knox Press, 2002), ISBN: 0664223168, (195 pages).

*Toward an Exegetical Theology: Biblical Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching*, by Walter C. Kaiser (Baker Academic; 1st paperback ed edition, 1998), ISBN: 0801021979, (268 pages).

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*The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* by Grant R. Osborne (InterVarsity Press, 1991), ISBN: 0830812881, (499 pages).

*Other reading and research to be determined.*

**Description:** Four hours credit. This course is designed to provide a general understanding of important exegetical concepts as they relate to the New Testament.

**Course Objectives:** The student should

1. Be conversant with important exegetical concepts and the various issues and principles involved in understanding the meaning of the biblical text.
2. Begin to lay a foundation for further learning and study on the topic.
3. Be able to research select portions of scripture using reference tools and commentaries.

#### **Learning Activities:**

1. Reading **all** primary texts
2. Submitting a 17 to 20 (minimum) page exegetical term paper.

**Grade Evaluation:** Term Paper — 100 points

**Graduate Grade Scale:** A+ 100, A 99-97, A- 96-94, B+ 93-91, B 90-89, B- 88-86, C+ 85-83, C 82-78, C- 77-75, D+ 74-72, D 71-69, D- 68-66, F 65-0

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