Syllabus:
SCS 105 Overview Christian Scriptures

Course Overview

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Course Description
This course explores the Gospels, letters, history (Book of Acts), and apocalyptic literature (Book of Revelation) that comprises what is more commonly known as the "New Testament" of the Judeo-Christian Bible. The student will develop a basic understanding of the Christian Scriptures’ meaning for the people to whom they were written. This course is based on the premise that, whatever else the Christian Scriptures may be; they most definitely are the response of early Christian writers to both the person and the message of Jesus Christ. This course examines the Christian Scriptures as a testament about Jesus by early Christian communities.

Learning Objectives
By the end of the course, learners will be able to:
• Describe and explain the four major divisions of the Christian Scriptures
  o Gospel
  o Letter
  o History
  o Apocalyptic literature
• For each of the four canonical Gospels, describe the view of Jesus the writer presents
• Examine the emergence of the Christian church as an organization separate from Judaism
• Describe the essential elements of the Apostle Paul’s theology
• Describe the significance of the Book of Revelation
Required Books
- **Bible** (New Revised Standard Version)

Recommended Online Resource
- Audio Bible NIV (Genesis – Revelation)  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2tlR3nfzjQ&list=PLHZp_z2RSv22-oT8S066ADvElmLMs8ZD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2tlR3nfzjQ&list=PLHZp_z2RSv22-oT8S066ADvElmLMs8ZD)
- The Bible Project (A collection of short videos on each of the books in the Bible. It can be helpful – be advised the theology is mainstream Christianity)  
  [https://bibleproject.com](https://bibleproject.com)

Recommended Books
- Robertson, A.T. *A Harmony of the Gospels*

Live Collaborate Class Sessions

*All times Central Time (CT) Zone*

**January 2022**
1. Thursday, January 20 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
2. Thursday, January 27 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT

**February 2022**
3. Thursday, February 3 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
4. Thursday, February 10 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
5. Thursday, February 17 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
6. Thursday, February 24 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT

**March 2022**
7. Thursday, March 3 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT
8. Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. CT