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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Discipline of Religious Studies
RE215-01 New Testament Times and Literature

Spring Semester 2000
W-F 2:00-3:20pm
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Course Syllabus

Course Description: Historical/Critical Method: literary analysis of the Gospels, theological development of the identity of Jesus Christ, the end of the world, salvation history.

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. To learn the historical-critical method as it is applied to the New Testament text.
2. To gain exposure to other methods of Gospel study; form and redaction criticism.
3. To develop an appreciation for the different genres of the New Testament books.
4. To gain insight into the similarities and dissimilarities between the synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John.
5. To become acquainted with the spread of Christianity via Paul.
6. To understand the person and the mission of Jesus of Nazareth as articulated by the New Testament authors.
7. To gain insight into the Judaic and Roman political\religious milieu.
8. To gain understanding of biblical literature and theology (Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology)
9. To provide the student with learning tools and to encourage independent and cooperative study.

Course Textbooks and Materials:

1. Perkins, Pheme: Reading the New Testament New York/Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1988
2. Bible Recommended: New American Bible
3. Handouts on specific topics will be distributed throughout the course.

Course Requirements:

1. Assigned readings and class participation.....25%
2. Research Paper.....25%
3. Mid-term Examination.....25%
4. Final Examination.....25%

1. Assigned Readings and Class Participation:

All assigned readings have been scheduled into the course calendar. Class participation is expected. Periodic tests will be announced well in advance. Make-up for test by explicit request only.

2. Research Paper:

To cultivate research and analytical skills in order to gain a deeper understanding over a specific area in this vast study. The student will write a 5-7 page term paper. Select a passage of the New Testament; be prepared to explain and apply the passage in daily living. This project is due: April 19, 2000.

3. Mid-term Exam:

The exam will be approximately 60 minutes and is scheduled for the week of March 15th.

4. Final Exam:

Date for the final exam will be posted on the exam schedule. Examinations questions are a compilation of those presented in the textbook and those formulated by the instructor. They will consist of: a) objective answers, b) short answers, and c) essays.

Class Procedure and Participation:

To facilitate different learning styles - general lecture, seminar, and small group dynamics will be employed at different intervals throughout the course. The student is encouraged to actively participate by completing assigned readings prior to the class, ready to enter into discussion during small group discussion, interacting and presenting questions pertinent to the subject matter during general lectures.

Course Schedule:**Week of:****Topic and Text:**

Jan. 19	Course Introduction Understanding the Bible as a literary work Pre-test
Jan. 26	History of Jesus of Nazareth Chap. 1-3
Feb. 2	History of Jesus: II His Message III Death, Resurrection, Christology Chap. 4-6
Feb. 9	The Gospel of Mark - Chapter 12
Feb. 16	The Gospel of Matthew - Chapter 13
Feb. 23	The Gospel of Luke - Chapter 14
Mar. 1	The Gospel of John - Chapter 15
Mar. 8	The Gospels and a developing Christology
Mar. 15	Mid-term Exam Emergence of Christianity I - Chapter 7
Mar. 22	Emergence of Christianity II and III - Chapters 8,9
Mar. 29	No classes - Spring Recess
Apr. 5	Emergence of Christianity IV and V Chapters 10,11
Apr. 12	Christian Directives II - Leadership - Chapter 18 Christian Directives III - General Epistles Chapter 19
Apr. 19	Christian Directives IV - Johanne Epistles - Chapter 20
Apr. 26	Christian Directives V - Eschatology - Book of Revelation Chapter 21