

REL 221: New Testament

Pima Community College - East Campus

Fall 2009, CRN: 11343, Three (3) credit hours

Prerequisite(s): None

Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:40am-12:55pm in E5 526

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Description and objectives: Major books of the New Testament. Includes literary forms, historical context, moral implications of the literature, and religious significance. Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to do the following:

1. Describe the literary forms of the New Testament.
2. Examine the historical context of the New Testament writings.
3. Discuss the moral implications of the literature of the New Testament.
4. Evaluate the religious significance of the New Testament writings.

Outline:

I. Literary Forms

- A. Gospel
- B. Parable
- C. Epistle
- D. Apocalyptic

II. Historical Context

- A. Greco-Roman world
- B. Judaism

III. Moral Implications of the Literature

- A. Community
- B. New Covenant
- C. Universality

IV. Religious Significance

- A. Monotheism
- B. Salvation
- C. Missionary responsibility

Textbooks: Encountering the New Testament by Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough (Baker Books, 2005)

The NIV Study Bible, New International Version (Zondervan)

Important Dates & Assessment:

September 22: **Exam 1**

October 20: **Exam 2**

November 17: **Exam 3**

December 3: **Report Due**

December 17: **Exam 4**

Exam 1	ETNT 1 - 5, 9 - 11 Intro, Matthew, Mark	18% of total grade
Exam 2	ETNT 6 - 8, 12 - 16 Luke, John, Acts	18% of total grade
Exam 3	ETNT 17 - 21a Romans - 2 Thessalonians	18% of total grade
Exam 4	ETNT 21b - 24 1 Timothy - Revelation	18% of total grade
Report		18% of total grade
Quizzes	Throughout the semester	10% of total grade

Report: Each student will write a five (5) to seven (7) page research paper of a New Testament book of his or her choice in MLA format. Each paper should include parenthetical notes and a works cited page. Other than the biblical text (the primary source), each student will reference at least five secondary sources (New Testament surveys, commentaries, etc. – but no reference sources such as encyclopedias). The content of the paper will be an explanation and argument for the theme (message) of the book, including the historical context, the book's contribution to the New Testament, and the literary styles incorporated by the author. The paper is not a book report, but a thesis paper. The report must be turned in on the due date – late papers will be penalized.

Quizzes: Students will take a written quiz at the beginning of each class over the material covered during the previous class session. Each quiz will be given during the first few minutes of class, so students entering after the quiz has been passed out will not be allowed to take it. Each quiz contains five (5) multiple-choice questions, including questions that will appear again on the exam.

Attendance: Because this is a “lecture” class, regular attendance is required and will be recorded. Students who miss a class session are responsible for getting the notes from another student. When a student arrives late to class, it is his or her responsibility to inform the instructor after class that he or she was present. Students are expected to participate in discussion – students who talk during class, text during class, surf the Internet during class or work on homework from another class will be asked to leave. Cell phones must be turned off during class. Students must also be able to regularly access their MyPima accounts for required articles.

Withdrawal: The last day to withdraw with a refund (and no grade recorded) is Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The last day to withdraw without a refund (with a grade of “W”) is Thursday, November 12, 2009. These are student actions that do not involve the instructor. I do not withdraw students or give incompletes without a personal request from the student. If you stop attending class and do not withdraw yourself or ask me for a withdrawal or incomplete, you will receive an F.

ADA: Pima Community College strives to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Reasonable accommodations, including materials in alternative formats, are available to qualified students with appropriate disability documentation. To obtain accommodations a student must register with a campus Disabled Student Resources (DSR) Office. The student may then obtain authorization for specific accommodations and services. All disability-related information will be kept confidential. The East Campus DSR Office is located in the Library/Student Center room L-231 and their phone number is 206-7699.