

Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus Online
Course Prefix/Number/Title:
RELS230 Introduction to New Testament (3 credits)

Course Description:

This course introduces the historical development of the literature of the New Testament and the social world of the earliest Christians. It also examines the texts of the New Testament in the social, political, and religious context of the Roman Empire. The texts are read critically as historical documents to investigate issues of central concern to the understanding of the origins of Christianity.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, the student will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the historical, religious, and social context of the New Testament world.
- Demonstrate knowledge of some of the critical methods used in New Testament studies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic content of the New Testament and its main teachings (theological content).
- Demonstrate knowledge of the canonical process and a more complete understanding of the New Testament.

Instructor:

Andre' L. Mooney, MDiv

Office Hours:

Instructor will check course daily, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

Email:

Use course email. The instructor checks course email once a day, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays and will respond daily. A response can be expected within a day. However, if a message is sent on Friday afternoon, a response should not be expected until Monday. Please plan accordingly.

Lecture/Lab Schedule:

Students will view weekly lectures and videos online.

Textbooks:

1. *Anatomy of the New Testament*, 6th Ed., Spivey, Smith & Black. ISBN: 0131907039
2. *Bible*. NASB Version. (Students may use a version if a Bible is previously owned. However, if a Bible is needed, the bookstore has the NASB version in stock.)

Course Requirements:

Syllabus Quiz. Due to the rapid pace of the class, it is important students understand expectations the first week of class. The syllabus outlines these expectations. To ensure students understand the syllabus, an untimed syllabus quiz will be available the first week of class. (25 pts.)

Weekly Readings. Each week consists of course notes and objectives. It is followed by chapter readings in the textbook and/or Bible.

Weekly Videos. Each week consists of a video(s) that must be viewed.

Weekly Activities. Each week consists of a quiz that covers the chapter readings. The reviews are 20 multiple-choice questions. They can be taken only once and are set at 45 minutes. (20 pts each)

Exam. A two-hour exam is available at the end of the course. (200 pts.)

Final Report. A final report is due on the last Monday by noon. Each student must choose one significant event of a New Testament account. Identify the *sitz-em-laben* (situation in life) of the time. Every paper must be at least three pages of text to include: 1) Title Page, 2) Historical Background, 3) Body, 4) Practical Significance, 5) Conclusion, and 6) Bibliography. The title page and bibliography are not included in the three page requirement. More in-depth instructions are given the first week of class. (200 pts.)

Grades. Grades will be calculated by dividing total points earned by the total points possible and will be based on the following percentages:

A = 90-100%
B = 80 – 89%
C = 70 – 79%
D = 60 – 69%
F = 0 – 59%

Assignment	Points Possible
Syllabus Quiz	25 pts
Weekly Reviews (7 @ 20 pts ea)	140 pts
Final Exam	200 pts
Final Report	200 pts
Total Points Possible	565 pts