NEW TESTAMENT (NT)

NT 4030 Beginning Greek I - 4 Hours
Introduction to phonology, morphology, and grammar of New Testament Greek, with readings in the Johannine literature or the Thessalonian correspondence and vocabulary development. Designed for students with little or no background in beginning Greek. Not for graduate credit. May not be audited unless already taken for credit at Trinity. Offered fall.

NT 4031 Beginning Greek II - 4 Hours
Further study in phonology, morphology, and grammar of New Testament Greek, with readings in the Johannine literature or the Thessalonian correspondence and vocabulary development. Not for graduate credit. May not be audited unless already taken for credit at Trinity. Prerequisite: NT 4030. Offered spring.

NT 4038 Greek Review - 3 Hours
Review of the elements of New Testament Greek, giving special attention to vocabulary, verbal forms and grammar. Prerequisite: a minimum of one year of credible undergraduate Greek with a B average. Not for graduate credit. May not be audited unless already taken for credit at Trinity. Offered fall.

NT 5000 Intro to the New Testament - 3 Hours
Introductory survey of the New Testament, including the life and ministry of Christ, apostolic history, New Testament literature, principal critical issues, and the unity and diversity of New Testament theology. This course meets the NT General Comprehensive requirement for MA students and the English Bible competency requirement for MDiv students, who must meet the SBCT requirement. Not for credit in the MA/NT or MA/OT programs. Elective credit in MDiv program. Auditors are not permitted in General Comp courses unless they have taken previous undergraduate course work in the subject or are not intending to complete the MA program. Offered spring.

NT 5100 English Bible: - 2-3 Hours
Demonstration of inductive Bible study method and treatment of the special teaching of a particular book or books of the New Testament based on the English text. May be repeated for credit as the book studied changes. Not for credit in the MA/NT or MA/OT programs.

NT 5251 Greek Exegesis I - 2 Hours
Study in the use of Greek for the interpretation of the New Testament. Students will review morphological paradigms, expand their Greek vocabulary, survey the theory and practice of textual criticism, identify proper exegetical methodology, and understand intermediate Greek syntax and grammar. Special attention will be given to the analysis of Colossians 1-2. Students must register for the same section of NT 5251-5252 each semester. Prerequisite: NT 4030-4031 or NT 4038 or a pass on Trinity’s Greek proficiency test (usually reflecting two years of undergraduate Greek).

NT 5252 Greek Exegesis II - 2 Hours
Further study in the use of Greek for the interpretation of the New Testament. Students will review intermediate Greek grammar and syntax, survey the theory and practice of textual criticism, strengthen their Greek vocabulary, exegete 1 Peter 1-2, and develop phrasing diagrams of selected passages they exegete. Students must register for the same section of NT 5251-5252 each semester. Prerequisite: NT 5251.

NT 5253 Exegesis for Preaching - 2 Hours
This course, taught by the NT and PT departments, develops skills for interpreting New Testament passages for sermon preparation. Students will review Greek vocabulary, exegete passages from various New Testament genres, relate exegetical analysis to the larger biblical narrative, and develop exegetical outlines and summaries of the biblical texts they study. NT 5253 lays the exegetical foundation for HM 6200/6201. Prerequisites: NT 5000 and NT 5252.

NT 6000 Current Studies in New Testament - 1-4 Hours
Topics selected deal with significant issues related to New Testament studies.

NT 6251 Interpreting the Synoptics and Acts - 3 Hours
A study of the Synoptics and Acts with emphasis on developing the skills necessary to be effective interpreters of these texts. Students will evaluate various critical approaches to the Gospels and to the life of Christ, recognize the historical reliability of the Synoptics and Acts, analyze central theological themes, exegete selected Greek passages, and further refine the methodological skills they learned in NT 5251-5252. Prerequisites: NT 5000 and NT 5252.

NT 6252 Interpreting Paul and General Epistles - 3 Hours
A study of Paul and the General Epistles with emphasis on developing the skills necessary to be effective interpreters of these texts. Students will examine the life, mission, and theology of the Apostle Paul, evaluate the individual letters in their relationship to apostolic history and the life of the church, analyze central theological themes, exegete selected Greek passages, and further refine the methodological skills they learned in NT 5251-5252. Prerequisites: NT 5000 and NT 5252.

NT 6253 Interpreting Johannine Literature - 2 Hours
A study of the Johannine literature with emphasis on developing the skills necessary to be effective interpreters of these texts. Students will evaluate the differences between the Fourth Gospel and the Synoptics, assess the different hermeneutical approaches to Revelation, analyze the theological contribution of each Johannine writing, exegete selected Greek passages, and further refine the methodological skills they learned in NT 5251-5252. Prerequisites: NT 5000 and NT 5252.

NT 7260 Romans - 3 Hours
Stress on the theology of Paul, with consideration of the distinctive emphases of the epistle: Paul's teaching on Judaism, salvation history, the power of sin, righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and the future of Israel. Prerequisites: NT 5251, NT 6252, or concurrent enrollment. Offered alternate years.

NT 7270 Corinthian Correspondence - 3 Hours
Historical background and principal theological emphases of these letters addressed to a first-century Gentile church. Prerequisites: NT 5251, NT 6252, or concurrent enrollment. Offered alternate years.

NT 7395 Hermeneutics - 3 Hours
The science of biblical interpretation with examination and explanation of the various systems of such. Using selected passages of Scripture, the disciplines necessary in biblical interpretation come to be understood and developed.

NT 7477 MA Major Comprehensive Exam - 1 Hour
A department-specific Major Comprehensive Exam required in some MA programs. Registration should be completed at the beginning of the semester for the regularly scheduled exam date later that semester. Credit is posted when the Exam is passed. No Credit if the Exam is failed or not completed.
NT 7485 MA Thesis - 0-3 Hours
MA thesis writers register for NT 7485 in the department of their concentration. Prerequisite: Approved thesis proposal on file in the Dean’s Office and other department-specific prerequisites. Counts as full-time academic status. (35 hours of academic work per week.) Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as arranged with the department. No grade is posted for this course until the thesis is completed and approved.

NT 7486 MA Thesis Extension - 0 Hours
A total of three semesters extension for NT 7485 may be granted when progress is being made on the thesis. Extension fee when not enrolled in other courses. Counts as full-time academic status (35 hours of academic work per week.) for the first semester, quarter time thereafter. CR is posted when substantive thesis progress is made, NC when inadequate progress is made.

NT 7501 Guided Research - 1-4 Hours
Independent research on an approved selected topic under a faculty member in the department bearing the course prefix. May be repeated for credit as the subject matter changes. Available in all departments. Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as arranged with faculty member.

NT 7605 Matthew - 3-4 Hours
Examination of the structure and theology of Matthew, with special attention to exegesis of specific passages. Prerequisite: NT 5251. Offered alternate years.

NT 7607 Lukane Writings - 3-4 Hours
History and theology in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Special attention is given to narrative structure. Passages are selected from both books for study in depth. Prerequisite: NT 5251. Offered alternate years.

NT 7610 Hebrews - 2 Hours
Stress on the technique and method of book study. The distinctive emphases of the book are considered: the person and work of Christ, the philosophy of history, and the use of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: NT 5251. Offered alternate years.

NT 7620 Revelation - 3-4 Hours
Intensive historical, doctrinal, and critical study of the Apocalypse; interpretation of the messages and visions of the book, with consideration of the preterist, historicist, idealist, and futurist positions. Prerequisite: NT 5251.

NT 7710 Intertestamental Period - 3-4 Hours
History of the period from the close of the Old Testament canon in the fifth century B.C. to the time of Christ, with special emphasis on the literature and theology of the period. Prerequisites: NT 6251 or 6252 or concurrent enrollment. Offered alternate years.

NT 7720 Backgrounds Early Christianity - 3-4 Hours
Introduction to primary sources and recent literary finds in Judaism, the Hellenistic religions, and the social history of the early Roman Empire; provides a background for the study of the ministry of Jesus and the life and mission of the early church. Offered alternate years.

NT 7730 New Testament History - 3-4 Hours
A study of the origins and the growth of the early church in the context of the history and the culture of the early Roman Empire, with particular attention to historical events, developments, and personalities, including chronological questions, exegetical interpretation of key New Testament and extrabiblical passages, and theological analyses of major trajectories. Prerequisite: NT 5251.

NT 7975 MA/ThM Comp Exam Prep - 0 Hours
An optional registration status for students preparing for their Major Comprehensive Exam and who are not taking other courses during the semester of preparation. This registration ensures continuity in your TEDS program and defers continuation fees. Available for only two semesters during which student must complete Comprehensive Exams or their academic status in the program will be jeopardized. Counts as quarter-time academic status. Contact the Records Office for registration.

NT 7976 MA or ThM Thesis Proposal Prep - 0 Hours
An optional registration status for students preparing for their Thesis Proposal and who are not taking other courses during the semester of preparation. (May not be taken when another course is taken.) This registration ensures continuity in your TEDS program and defers continuation fees. Available for only one semester during which students must complete their Proposal or their academic status in the program will be jeopardized. Counts as quarter-time academic status.

NT 7980 MA Major Research Paper - 0-1 Hours
MA participants completing the two capstone research paper option must register for 7980 in their department concurrent with registration for the advanced elective course in which they are writing a MA capstone research paper (MA/NT). Paper parameters are found in the Academic Handbook and paper objectives are specifically articulated in consultation with the faculty member on the online Capstone Proposal Form. Registration occurs twice at the same time as registration for the course, once for each paper. Credit / No Credit. (Both the course and the paper must be graded C- or better to receive credit for the paper.)

NT 8000 Seminar: Current Issues - 2-4 Hours
Issues of importance in New Testament history, criticism, interpretation, and theology discussed in a seminar setting.

NT 8420 Criticism of the Gospels - 3-4 Hours
Seminar in the contemporary literary and historical approaches to the Gospel narratives and the formulation of a constructive position regarding the synoptic problem, the structure of the Gospel narratives, the composition of the fourth Gospel, and the relation of faith and history. Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment in NT 6251. Offered alternate years.

NT 8430 History of NT Interpretation - 3-4 Hours
A survey of the history of criticism of the New Testament primarily from the late eighteenth century to the present. Particular emphasis on the development of critical methodologies, relationships between critical approaches and worldview, and evangelical responses to the key movements. Prerequisites: NT 6251 or 6252 or current enrollment. Offered alternate years.

NT 8610 The Teaching of Jesus - 3 Hours
Study in the methods and content of Jesus’ teaching with collateral reading in the modern interpreters of Jesus. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: NT 5251, NT 6251, or concurrent enrollment.

NT 8620 Johannine Theology - 2 Hours
Study in the theology of the Johannine literature, including critical appraisal of representative modern works. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: NT 5251, NT 6251, or concurrent enrollment.

NT 8630 Pauline Theology - 2 Hours
Analysis and synthesis of Paul’s letters and related documents (e.g., Acts, the Gospels, the Old Testament) with the goal of better understanding his theology as a whole. Includes evaluation of the New Perspective. Prerequisites: NT 6251, NT 6252, or concurrent enrollment. Offered alternate years.
NT 8640 New Testament Theology - 3-4 Hours
Study of the major themes of New Testament theology, the distinctive contributions of the biblical authors, and the issue of unity and diversity within the canon of the New Testament. Prerequisite: NT 5251, NT 6251, or NT 6252 or current enrollment.

NT 8720 Advanced Greek Exegesis - 2 Hours
Intensive exegetical study of a selected book (usually Acts, 2 Corinthians, the Pastoral Epistles, or Hebrews) or series of texts, evaluating the methods and conclusions of representative commentators in light of recent studies in grammar and textual criticism. Prerequisite: NT 5251, NT 6252, or concurrent enrollment. May be repeated as the instructor varies, register as NT 7501.

NT 8721 Advanced Greek Grammar - 3-4 Hours
Studies in Greek grammar and syntax as they inform New Testament exegesis with special reference to standard grammars and contemporary linguistic discussion. Prerequisite: NT 5252 (with an A- or better); and pre or co-requisite of NT 6251 or 6252. May be repeated as the instructor varies, register as NT 7501.

NT 8722 Septuagint & the New Testament - 2 Hours
History of the version; translation of representative passages; consideration of the Septuagint’s influence on New Testament grammar, lexicography, and theology; interaction with past and current Septuagint scholarship. Prerequisites: NT 5252; and OT 5242 or consent of the department chair.

NT 8723 New Testament Textual Criticism - 2 Hours
Study of the materials, history, and principles of New Testament textual criticism with application to selected passages. Prerequisites: NT 5252, NT 6251, or NT 6252 or current enrollment. Offered on demand.

NT 8911 New Testament Research - 2 Hours
An introduction to the primary sources, the secondary literature, and the major issues related to doctoral level New Testament studies. Students will become familiar with the scholarly editions of Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin, and Greek texts of the Old and New Testament as well as of the contemporary literature of the Hellenistic and Greco-Roman period, and with the lexicons, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and commentaries which scholars use in order to translate and interpret these texts. The major issues and methods of New Testament research are introduced in a discussion of the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John, the Book of Acts, Paul’s Letters, the Catholic Epistles, and revelation, the history of New Testament research, the history of the early church in the first century, and the theology of the New Testament. Students are expected to read at least Hebrew and Greek, preferably also Aramaic and Latin, as well as French or German. Required course for entering students (does not count as a seminar).

NT 8980 ThM Major Research Paper - 0-1 Hours
ThM participants completing the two capstone research paper option must register for NT 8980 in their department concurrent with registration for the advanced elective course in which they are writing a ThM capstone research paper. Paper parameters are found in the Academic Handbook and paper objectives are specifically articulated in consultation with the faculty member on the online Capstone Proposal Form. Registration occurs twice at the same time as registration for the course, once for each paper. Credit/No Credit. (Both the course and the paper must be graded "C-" or better to receive credit for the paper.)

NT 8985 ThM Thesis - 0-3 Hours
ThM thesis writers register for NT 8985 in the department of their concentration. Prerequisite: Approved thesis proposal on file in the Dean’s Office and other department-specific prerequisites. Counts as full-time academic status. (35 hours of academic work per week.) Letter grade or Credit / No Credit as arranged with the department.

NT 8986 ThM Thesis Extension - 0 Hours
A total of three semesters extension for NT 8986 may be granted when progress is being made on the thesis. Extension fee when not enrolled in other courses. Counts as full-time academic status for the first semester, quarter time thereafter. No Credit.

NT 9000 Issues in New Testament Theology - 1-4 Hours
Topics are chosen to reflect research interests of faculty or program participants, or that explore matters of concern to New Testament theology. May be repeated.

NT 9001 Guided Research - 1-4 Hours
Selected topics usually extended from foundational studies in seminars or courses. Available in all PhD programs. May be repeated for a maximum of twelve hours in PhD/EDS and PhD/ICS programs; may be repeated for a maximum of six hours in the PhD/THS program. Letter grade or Credit / No Credit.

NT 9005 Private Study - 0 Hours
In special circumstances, a student may register for one or more semesters of Private Study in order to meet the requirements for candidacy. Only for PhD/THS students in CH, NT, OT, ST departments. Counts as full-time student status when registrant affirms that a minimum of thirty-five hours per week (half-time is 15 hours per week) are invested in doctoral study and the requisite form has been completed at the time of registration in the Academic Doctoral Office. May be repeated four times. No Credit.

NT 9150 Old Testament Quotations in the New Testament - 3-4 Hours
This seminar works through representative quotations and allusions from the Old Testament in the New, in various corpora of the New Testament, in order to probe the difficult questions surrounding the relationships between the Testaments. Interest centers not only on questions of text and form but on the manner in which Old Testament texts are handled in Second Temple Judaism and on the diversity of ways in which the New Testament appeals to the Old, the appropriation techniques involved, and especially the hermeneutical axioms and warrants that explicitly or implicitly underlie such appropriation. An attempt is made to relate such findings to selected larger issues of biblical and systematic theology, in short, how Christians can have a unified canon, preaching, and teaching from the entire Bible.

NT 9160 Missions in the New Testament - 3-4 Hours
This seminar integrates historical and exegetical research with theological reflection and missiological reality. Lectures and seminar papers will focus on the historical presuppositions, the geographical realities, the cultural and religious contexts, the communicative strategies, and the content of the missionary enterprise of the early Christian church.
**NT 9175 Mystery in the New Testament - 3-4 Hours**

After surveying the possible Hellenistic and Jewish backgrounds of musthvrion, this course examines all the musthvrion passages in the New Testament, taking particular notice of the context and flow of the argument. The concern is not only to gain a competent grasp of these passages but to wrestle with the themes of hiddenness and revelation in the biblical canon and to reflect how these themes are tied to larger theological structures. In particular, it is important to weigh how the same gospel, which is sometimes said to be prophesied under the categories of the old covenant and fulfilled in terms of the new, is here said to be hidden in the past and now revealed in the new.

**NT 9220 Acts and Early Christian Historiography - 3-4 Hours**

This seminar seeks to examine the theology and narrative structure of the Acts of the Apostles within its literary and historical contexts. Particular attention will be paid to the relevance of OT, and Second Temple Jewish and Greco-Roman historical writings for the understanding of the Lukan portrayal of the early Christian movement. Beyond the emphasis on the material content of these works, this seminar will also focus on the related methodological issues in the interpretation of ancient narrative texts.

**NT 9280 Revelation & Apocalyptic Literature - 3-4 Hours**

This course will study the Book of Revelation from four perspectives: antecedents (the meaning and use of ‘apocalyptic’ in the ancient world), models (Jewish and Hellenistic apocalyptic works), exegesis (the study of individual texts), and biblical theology (the study of themes in the Book of Revelation).

**NT 9735 Advanced Hermeneutics - 3-4 Hours**

The course studies the history of hermeneutic theory in this century, especially with regard to current challenges to the possibilities of discovering meaning in the biblical text in the post-Gadamer era, with particular attention to biblical-critical (form, redaction, narrative criticism), sociocritical (liberation, black, feminist), and postmodern (deconstruction, reader response) concerns.

**NT 9975 Comprehensive Exam Preparation - 0-3 Hours**

An independent study facilitating student preparation for the comprehensive examination. PhD/THS program participants may repeat it once. Counts as full-time student status when enrolled for 3 hours or when registrant affirms that a minimum of thirty-five hours per week are invested in comprehensive exam preparation and the requisite form has been completed at the time of registration in the Academic Doctoral Office. Counts as half-time student status when enrolled for 2 hours or when registrant affirms that a minimum of fifteen hours per week are invested in comprehensive exam preparation and the requisite form has been completed at the time of registration in the Academic Doctoral Office. Credit / No Credit.

**NT 9991 Dissertation Research - 1-4 Hours**

Courses taken for dissertation writing that embodies the results of original research and makes a genuine contribution to knowledge in the field of concentration. PhD students are eligible to register for Dissertation Research after the official acceptance of the proposal, and may register for two to six semesters totaling 6 hours. Counts as full-time student status when enrolled for 3 hours or when registrant affirms that a minimum of thirty-five hours per week are invested on the dissertation and the requisite form has been completed at the time of registration in the Academic Doctoral Office. Credit / No Credit.

**NT 9992 Dissertation Extension - 0 Hours**

One or more dissertation extension courses for the writing of the dissertation. Registrants for this course will be assessed a continuation fee. Less than half-time student status. No Credit.