



**WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
VIRTUAL CAMPUS
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES
FALL 2019**

Wayland Mission Statement: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Title and Number: RLGN 1302/1304 VC05 New Testament History

Term: Fall 2019

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Class Meeting Time and Location: Virtual Campus; Asynchronous delivery

Catalog Description: An introductory survey of the historical literature with special attention to the background and origins of Christian beliefs and practices and to the life of Jesus Christ and the early Christian community

Prerequisites: None

Required Textbook(s) and/or Resource Material:

- Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey*, 3rd ed. 2013 ISBN: 978-0801039645
- Cultural Backgrounds NIV Study Bible (Zondervan) From university book store

Course Outcome Competencies: Students 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 producing a more complete understanding of the New Testament.

Attendance Requirements:

1. Attendance for online courses is defined fully in the university catalog:
[Online attendance requirements](#)
2. Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses.
3. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus.
4. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements.
5. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 3 or more weeks of an 11 week term, may receive an F for that course.
6. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a "no-show" and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus.
7. When a student reaches a number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will submit a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress to the student’s WBU student email account and to appropriate university personnel.

Disability Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.” (This statement is required on all university syllabi.)

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria:

- **Weekly Reading quiz** corresponding to the reading from the *Encountering the New Testament* textbook and the assigned Bible passages. 10 quizzes of which the student may drop two at the end of the semester. Each quiz may be attempted two times and the highest grade will be counted.
- **Examinations:** Three exams to be given during the semester as listed in the course outline. The final exam is not comprehensive, but covers material after the second exam. **Exam two will be proctored.** The student is responsible to secure an approved proctor: [Proctor request](#) WBU testing sites do not require Virtual Campus approval. Online remote proctoring is an option if time or location hinders other approved testing venues.
- **Journal:** Students will complete a weekly journal assignment of 400-500 words responding to a prompt by the instructor based on the reading materials for the week, including the Bible, the textbook and the lecture notes. Detailed journal instructions will be found on Blackboard.
- **Participation:** Students are expected to participate in class with reading assignments, virtual login attendance and student journal participation. Failure to

participate in journal assignments may result in loss of points from the student's final grade.

Extra Credit: No extra credit will be offered.

- **Procedure for computations of final grade**

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| Exam 1,2,3 @15% each | 45% |
| Weekly Journal | 20% |
| Weekly Quiz average | 35% |

- **University Grading System**

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| A | 90-100 | I | INCOMPLETE** |
| B | 80-89 | Cr | FOR CREDIT |
| C | 70-79 | NCr | NO CREDIT |
| D | 60-69 | WP | WITHDRAWAL PASSING |
| F | BELOW 60 | WF | WITHDRAWAL FAILING |
| | | W | WITHDRAWAL |

**A grade of incomplete is changed if the deficiency is made up by midterm of the next regular semester; otherwise, it becomes "F". This grade is given only if circumstances beyond the student's control prevented completion of work during the semester enrolled

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Executive Vice President/Provost to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Tentative Schedule:

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| 1 Aug 19 | <i>Encountering 1-2 Study Bible 1577-1606</i> | |
| 2 Aug 26 | <i>Encountering 3-4 Matt 5-7, Luke 6-7</i> | |
| 3 Sept 2 | <i>Encountering 5-7 Study Bible 1802-3 John 1</i> | Exam One |
| 4 Sept 9 | <i>Encountering 8-10</i> | |
| 5 Sept 16 | <i>Encountering 11-12</i> | |
| 6 Sept 23 | <i>Encountering 13-16 Study Bible 1865-66 Acts 1-2, 9, 13-15</i> | |
| 7 Sept 30 | <i>Encountering 17-18 Study Bible 1943-1946, Romans 1-3,12</i> | Exam Two Proctored exam |
| 8 Oct 7 | <i>Encountering 19-20 Study Bible 1986-87, 1997, 2047, Galatians 3-4</i> | |
| 9 Oct 14 | <i>Encountering 21-22 Study Bible 2122-23, 1 Thess 4-5, 1 Timothy 3-6, Titus</i> | |
| 10 Oct 21 | <i>Encountering 23-24 Study Bible 2216-2219, Revelation 1-3</i> | |
| 11 Oct 28 | Course wrap up | Final Exam |

Additional Information:

Academic Honesty (Plagiarism): University students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with penalties associated with plagiarism stated in the catalog.