BIB 503: NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION (2 credits)

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The student will be able to identify the themes, structures, authorship, and occasion. The student will be able to identify verses from each New Testament book. The student will be prepared to take the New Testament portion of the Licensure examination for Vanguard Presbyterian Church.

TEXT BOOKS:

Introduction to the New Testament by Louis Berkhof

<https://www.monergism.com/introduction-new-testament-ebook>

The New Testament (ESV, KJV, NKJV, NASB 1977 or 1995, LSB)

Other references materials recommended by the mentor.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Read each New Testament and the accompanying chapter in Berkhof.
2. Create a notebook with two to three pages introductions for each biblical book including: an outline of the book, major themes of the book, authorship, occasion, significant verses or sections. The student may use research materials for things like authorship and occasion. The outline should be the student’s own outline based upon their reading the Biblical text.
3. Mentor sessions to review the notebook after each of the following sections: (1) The Gospels and Acts (2) Romans-Colossians (3) 1 Thessalonians-Philemon (4) Hebrews to Revelation. Mentors may direct the student regarding sections of the notebook that are incomplete or incorrect.
4. Final exam based on categories from the notebook: outlines, major themes, summaries, authorship, occasion, and significant verses.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Gospel/Acts notes 15%

Romans-Col. 15%

1 Thes.-Philemon 15%

Hebrews to Rev. 15%

Final Exam 40%