

# Spring 2025 Course Schedule & Book List

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Delivery	Course	Dates	Instructors
ONLINE	OT100 Old Testament History	January 6 - February 9	Dr. Mike Pabarcus
ONLINE	TH200 Survey of Christian Theology	January 6 - February 9	Kevin Hamilton
ONLINE	NT100 New Testament History	February 24 - March 30	Dr. Don Sanders
ONLINE	TH210 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	February 24 - March 30	Dr. Roger Clark
ONLINE	NT110 Teachings of Jesus	April 14 - May 18	Dr. Roger Clark
ONLINE	PH200 Survey of Worldviews	April 14 - May 18	Dr. Don Sanders

### COURSE TUITION

- Tuition for each course is \$125. Student purchase their own books. Tuition covers the cost of instruction, technology, and program.
- Book lists, sample syllabi, instructor bios, and registration deadlines can be found at <https://www.themeroldinstitute.online/>

### COURSE FORMAT

- Courses are five weeks and divided into five modules.
- Each module consists of reading, pre-recorded teaching, online discussion, and reflective writing.
- Each course also has a final project that is an in-depth Bible study.

# Course Descriptions and Details

## OT100 Old Testament History

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 9 | DR. MIKE PABARCUS**

This course is a study of the origin and development of the nation of Israel in the Old Testament from creation to the return from the Babylonian captivity. Special attention is given to placing the prophetic books in their historical context.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *The Old Testament in Seven Sentences* (Christopher J.H. Wright, InterVarsity Press, 2019).
- *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament* (John H. Walton, Victor H. Matthews, & Mark W. Chavalas, 2000).
- *Zondervan Essential Atlas of the Bible* (Carl G. Rasmussen, Zondervan, 2013).

## NT100 New Testament History

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 30 | DR. DON SANDERS**

This course covers three primary periods of Biblical history: inter-testamental history, the life of Christ, and early church history as presented in the book of Acts. Special attention is given to the placement of the New Testament books within the historical context of Acts.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament, 2nd Edition* (Craig S. Keener, Zondervan, 2014).
- *Zondervan Essential Atlas of the Bible* (Carl G. Rasmussen, Zondervan, 2013).
- *To the Cross* (Christopher J. H. Wright, InterVarsity Press, 2017).

## NT110 Teachings of Jesus

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**APRIL 14 - MAY 18 | DR. ROGER CLARK**

A proper understanding of the teachings of Jesus is essential for growing discipleship. This course walks through the five teaching discourses in the gospel of Matthew. Special attention is given to Jesus' teaching on discipleship, salvation, and parables.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament, 2nd Edition* (Craig S. Keener, Zondervan, 2014).
- *Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary: Exalting Jesus in Matthew* (David Platt, B&H Publishing, 2013).
- *The Good and Beautiful Life* (James Bryan Smith, InterVarsity Press, 2009).

## TH200 Introduction to Christian Theology

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 9 | KEVIN HAMILTON**

This course will examine specific doctrines such as the person of God, salvation, the church and eschatology. The student will also survey the tasks, benefits and challenges of theology.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *Paul Behaving Badly* (E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien, InterVarsity Press, 2016).
- *The Faith Once For All* (Jack Cottrell, College Press, 2002).
- *Who Needs Theology?* (Stanley J. Grenz and Roger E. Olson, InterVarsity Press, 1996).

## TH210 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 30 | DR. ROGER CLARK**

This course surveys past and present approaches to interpreting the Bible. Students will learn guidelines for interpreting specific literary genres and forms of speech, along with practical strategies for personal Bible study.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, Fourth Edition* (Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, Zondervan, 2014).
- *What is Biblical Theology?* (James M. Hamilton, Jr., Crossway, 2014).
- *Bringing the Depths into Focus* (T. Scott Womble, Wipe & Stock, 2021).
- *Come and See* (Jonathan Pennington, Crossway, 2023).

## PH200 Survey of Worldviews

ONLINE: THIS COURSE IS DELIVERED ONLINE WITH RECORDED TEACHING EACH WEEK.

**APRIL 14 - MAY 18 | DR. DON SANDERS**

This course introduces students to the historical development of significant world views. Topics include theism, deism, naturalism, nihilism, existentialism, and pantheism. Students will also learn specific strategies for sharing their faith across views.

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- *Hidden Worldviews* (Steve Wilkens and Mark L. Sanford, InterVarsity Press, 2009).
- *The Universe Next Door, Sixth Edition* (James W. Sire, InterVarsity Press, 2020).
- *A Mind for God* (James Emery White, InterVarsity Press, 2013).