

Merold Institute of Ministry

2023/24 Spring Schedule, Registration Information, Course Descriptions, and Book Lists

Spring 2024

Format	Course	Dates Times	Instructors
ONLINE	OT100 Old Testament History	Jan 8 - Feb 19	Dr. Mike Pabarcus
ONLINE	TH200 Introduction to Christian Theology	Jan 8 - Feb 19	Kevin Hamilton
ONLINE	NT100 New Testament History	Feb 26 - Mar 31	Dr. Don Sanders Justin Wood
ONLINE	TH210 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	Feb 26 - Mar 31	Dr. Roger Clark
ONLINE	NT110 Teaching of Jesus	Apr 15 - May 19	Dr. Roger Clark
ONLINE	PH200 Survey of Worldviews	Apr 15 - May 19	Dr. Don Sanders

Course Information

- All courses are five weeks long and contain the same learning components: teaching, reading, reflective journaling, online discussion and a Bible study project.
- All courses are asynchronous online format and offer on-demand recorded teaching sessions that students can view at any time during the week while still participating in a virtual classroom with other students.
- No prerequisites are necessary—students can enroll in any course in any sequence.
- **Tuition is \$125 per course** and students purchase their own books. Tuition covers the cost of instruction, technology and program.
- After completing the online application, students can enroll for courses through our learning management system (Populi).
- Book lists, sample syllabi, instructor bios, and registration deadlines can be found at <https://www.themeroldinstitute.online>.
- Course Syllabi are available one month prior to the course beginning date and will be available via Populi.

GOT QUESTIONS? CONTACT DR. DON SANDERS, DSANDERS@HARVESTER.CC.



Course Descriptions and Details

OT100 Old Testament History

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

Jan 8 - Feb 19 (No class from Jan 15-21 for week of US holiday MLK Day)

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.

Feb 26 - Mar 31

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.

Apr 15 - May 19

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.

Jan 8 - Feb 19 (No class from Jan 15-21 for week of US holiday MLK Day)

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.

Feb 26 - Mar 31

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.

Apr 15 - May 19

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).