UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2014  
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Course #: THEO 2100  
Section: 101  
Course Title: New Testament Overview

Description:

Written almost two thousand years ago, the texts of the New Testament are essential to the study of ancient Mediterranean religion and culture. As witnesses to the life and work of Jesus, they serve as one of the primary foundations of the Christian faith. The aim of this course is to survey these texts and to thereby foster an appreciation for their historical, literary, and theological complexity. We will accomplish this goal in four ways:

1) by examining the historical context(s) in which they were written;  
2) by attending to the narrative and literary techniques they employ;  
3) by inspecting the ways in which they have been interpreted in the past;  
4) and by attempting to articulate their significance for life and faith today.