GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2014
Instructor: Dr. Michael Cover
Course #: THEO 6120
Course Title: New Testament Method

Content:

This masters-level course introduces the graduate student to the history and method(s) of the interpretation of the New Testament. Its working presumption is that the historical critical method remains central to the interpretive task, even as it needs to be supplemented by or integrated with other theological and theoretical approaches. Course goals include (a) studying important figures in the development of New Testament scholarship and principal problems in individual books; (b) gaining familiarity with the most important ancient witnesses and the principles governing the establishment of the critical text; (c) interpreting the New Testament with the help of various methodological lenses, and (d) learning how to access and use important lexica, aids, tools, and electronic resources.

Format:

Class discussions; readings; "topic projects"; book reviews; class presentations; brief research papers.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Participation Assignments ("topic projects," book reviews, class presentations, quizzes as necessary); Two Short Essays, for classroom critique; Final Examination (two hours); Final Exegetical Essay.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Required: Learn Greek alphabet for use of exegetical resources. Recommended (but not required): Koine or Classical Greek.