

**NEWMAN BIBLE ACADEMY
ONLINE COURSE SYLLABUS
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Course Title: Theology One: Bibliology

Abbreviation: TH 212.

Credit Hours: 3

Instructional Hours: 30

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Catalog description: This introductory course covers the basic concepts concerning the nature of the Holy Bible, the central document in Christianity. Issues explained are a general overview of the Bible, sequence of God's communication to humanity, proofs of the Bible being from God, revelation, inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility, and the canon of the Bible.

Student Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the purpose and structure of the Bible along with the relationships of the Old Testament to the New Testament.
2. Gain an understanding of How God has communicated His will to humanity.
3. Describe 14 proofs that the Bible is from God Himself.
4. Evaluate the nature of revelation.
5. Understand the nature and process of the inspiration of Holy Scripture.
6. Identify issues surrounding the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible.
7. Comprehend the concepts of the canon of Scripture.
8. Demonstrate an awareness of some historic Christian documents regarding the Bible.
9. Expand the student's knowledge for a greater understanding of God, His purposes, and relations to the believer's spiritual life.
10. Gain a greater appreciation for the urgency of the Great Commission.
11. Develop a defense of the Bible as the Word of God.
12. Know other sources to turn for further in depth understanding of the introductory issues of the Bible.

Course Requirements.

Students have 10 weeks to complete the following course requirements. Final grades will be based on the total accumulated points from the examination plus the analysis papers.

1. The reading and understanding of the assigned ebook text, *You Can Believe The Bible*. I will email the ebook to you by email attachment in pdf format.

2. Examination. Required is one examination. The exam consists of 150 questions worth 1 point each. The examination will be sent to you by email along with the syllabus, and the study materials. You fill out the answers. The exam is open book. On a Word document,

type out your answers to each question, then email it back as an attachment to me at drwillisnewman@gmail.com. Here is an example.

Give your name and course at the top of the page.

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Answers:

1. d
2. a
3. Write out your choice of answer for any fill in questions.
4. Write out True or False for any questions that calls for such an answer .
5. c.

The exam answers can be found in ebook listed above under requirement one, plus the Bible.

3. Analysis Papers: Download from this website two articles/Bible studies as listed below. At the end of each study are 10 questions. Answer the ten questions for each study on a Word document. Send your answers to me by an email attachment for grading. Use only three or four sentences to answer each question.

Please wait until you have finished all the studies, then send them to me all at one time. Each study is worth 50 points.

Here is how to access the studies.

- a. Go to the website: www.Bible-teaching-about.com.
- b. Click on the table of contents on the left hand column.
- c. Go to the section on Christian service and apologetics.
- d. Click on the assigned article, download it, and answer the questions on a Word document.

Here are the two studies you are required to complete.

- Bible teaching about Bible Study Helps.
- Bible teaching about miracles.

4. Recommended Reading. The preferred English Bible translations for the student to use is the New American Standard Bible, or the New King James Bible. Recommended study Bibles are The Ryrie Study Bible (Moody Press), and the Nelson Study Bible, NKJV (Thomas Nelson Publishers, Earl Radmacher, general editor). You may use a Bible in your own mother language.

5. Research sources. For your own benefit, I recommend that you go to the following websites and explore the material to gain a greater understanding of the nature of the Bible. There is no credit for this exercise.

Introduction to the New Testament by Louis Berkhof
<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/berkhof/newtestament.html>

6. Total possible points:

Examinations:	150
Two analysis papers:	<u>100</u>
Total	425

7. Course schedule:

The following schedule will enable you to finish the course in 10 weeks. It is important to stay on schedule so you do not get overwhelmed at the end of the course. These dates are guidelines, not deadlines.

- Weeks one - two: Read/study ebook text, chapters 1, 2.
Complete portion of examination on chapters 1, 2.
- Weeks three, four: Read/study ebook text, chapters 3, 4.
Complete portion of examination on chapters 3, 4.
- Weeks five, six: Read/study ebook text, chapters 5, 6.
Complete portion of examination on chapters 5, 6.
- Weeks seven, 8: Read/study ebook text, chapters 7, 8, 9.
Complete portion of examination on chapters 7, 8, 9.
Answer questions from Bible study on Bible study helps (#3 above).
- Week nine, ten: Read/study ebook text, chapters 10, 11.
Complete portion of examination on chapters 10, 11.
Answer questions from Bible study on miracles (#3 above).
Send all your completed work to me by email attachment to drwillisnewman@gmail.com.

Grading/Method of evaluation: Your grade is determined by adding together all your earned points, then dividing that number by the total points possible. That results in a percentage number. The following chart indicates your grade.

GRADE SCALE:

%	GPA	Letter	%	GPA	Letter
95%	4	A	86%	3.2	B
94%	3.9	A-	85%	3.2	B
93%	3.8	A-	84%	3.1	B
92%	3.7	A-	83%	3.1	B-
91%	3.6	A-	82%	3.1	B-
90%	3.5	A-	81%	3.1	B-
89%	3.4	B+	80%	3.0	B-
88%	3.3	B+	79%	2.9	C+
87%	3.2	B+	78%	2.8	C+

77%	2.7	C+
76%	2.6	C
75%	2.5	C
74%	2.4	C
73%	2.3	C-
72%	2.2	C-
71%	2.1	C-
70%	2.0	C-
69%	1.9	D+

68%	1.8	D+
66%	1.6	D+
65%	1.5	D+
64%	0.9	D
63%	0.8	D
61%	0.7	D
60%	0.7	D
0%	0	F

Technical requirements. You will need a computer, printer, email account, and Microsoft Office 2003 – 2007. I would recommend that you use a free gmail account from Google for your email, and Internet Explorer for a browser. You will also need an adobe reader. If you don't have one, you can download one free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Purpose of Newman Bible Academy: This Academy exists to train men and women for worldwide Christian ministry as pastors, missionaries, teachers, and lay-workers. Our goal is to train students by strengthening their Christian faith, in order to proclaim and defend the teachings of the inerrant Word of God. This purpose is pursued through training in Bible, theology, and practical ministry, plus the development of personal spiritual maturity and zeal. Our existence is grounded in the Great Commission, which is to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the entire world, and make disciples of all those who respond to Christ. The Academy is global in nature, and designed to provide training for those who can least afford it anywhere in the world.

Study tips: It is suggested that the student carefully study each reading. First, read through the assigned section to get a general overview. Reread the section, and write down important concepts as you read along. Review. Review. Review. Rehearse and visualize the contents. Memorize key concepts. Take the exam. The exams are open book, but realize that you must know the material very well to complete the exams within the time limit allowed.

Book acquisition: You do not need to purchase any books as everything you need is found on the internet. Of course, you will need a Bible.

