1. **Course Description**

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is a masterful presentation of the identity and vocation of the Church, grounded in the reality of the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ. This course follows a sequential exegetical assessment of Ephesians, with the purpose of sharpening the exegetical skills learned in NT502, improving knowledge of New Testament Greek, and developing familiarity with the letter’s argument and theology.

2. **Learning Objectives**

The successful completion of the course will entail the following learning goals:

- To apply the relevant exegetical methods to a passage in Ephesians. Given the rhetorical refinement of the letter, attention will be given to grammatical and rhetorical analysis
- To read and translate Ephesians from the Greek text, being able to analyze complex grammatical aspects
- To develop acquaintance with the stylistic distinctive features of Ephesians
- To develop familiarity with the critical issues regarding the historical context of Ephesians
- To appreciate the theology of Ephesians, with particular emphasis on its soteriological and ecclesiological themes
- To deepen the understanding of Christian identity and vocation, as developed in the letter.
- To be able to identify the main exegetical ideas that will lead to effective preaching and teaching of Ephesians

The vision of the Church as the Body of Christ that Paul develops in Ephesians is fundamental to one’s understanding of their identity in Christ. The ultimate goal of this course is to contemplate that vision, with the hope of having our minds, imagination and conduct transformed by it.
3. Academic Requirements

The exegesis of Ephesians will be carried out in the original Greek language. Therefore, students are expected to have completed two semesters of Basic Greek (GL501 and 502). In addition, knowledge of the basic exegetical skills developed in NT502 is assumed. Familiarity with the methods of grammatical analysis and discourse analysis will be pivotal for the completion of the course. The methods will be introduced in class. However, students are responsible for deepening their knowledge of the methods as needed.

Note: In 600 and 700 level Greek exegesis courses, you are required to show competency in the Greek language. If you do not demonstrate Greek competency (evaluated through a competency exam, translation, Greek vocabulary knowledge, and analysis of Greek grammar in your paper), you will not be given a passing grade (even if you pass the course according to your grade point average).

4. Course Format

A typical session will include: a) translation and discussion of the grammatical and rhetorical features of a designated section of Ephesians; b) lecture on the exegetical aspects of the corresponding section, and c) a discussion of theological/pastoral implications of the exegesis.

5. Course Requirements

Greek Competency Exam. This test is scheduled for the first day of class, Fri, Sep 14th. The exam will include vocabulary, parsing of verbs, and translation. The best way to prepare for this exam is to review your first year Greek grammar, giving attention to parsing verbs. You need to pass the exam in order to take the class for credit.

Reading. Students will be expected to read the section of the assigned commentary correspondent to the passages of the Gospel to be explored in class, alongside the Ephesians Greek text. Other articles may be assigned when relevant to a given passage. A reading statement mentioning the percentage of the material read must be included on the cover page of the final exegesis paper. A penalty of 1% of the final grade will be applied for every 10% of incomplete reading.

Translations. Students are expected to translate the letter of Ephesians from the Greek Text (NA28 required). A translation notebook should be kept containing the Greek text, translation, a vocabulary list for words with which the student is not familiar, and parsing of key verbs. The notebook is for the students own use and must not be submitted. A translation statement mentioning
the percentage of the text translated must be included on the cover page of the final exegesis paper. Students may be called out to present their translations as certain passages are discussed.

**Exegetical Assignments.**

a) Analysis of Themes and Motifs. **Assignment due on Oct, 5th.** This assignment entails an analysis of the main themes and motifs in Ephesians and their development in Paul’s argument. Specific instructions on how to carry out the analysis will be posted on the online learning platform.
   a. Format: the assignment should be type-written, with 1 inch margin on each side single-spaced, using seriffed fonts (Brill, Times New Roman, etc) of no less than 10 point type face. The assignment is to be no longer than 1 ½ page long. **Length limits will be strictly enforced.**

b) Grammatical and Rhetorical analysis. **Assignment due on Oct, 26th.** Students are to produce a sentence diagram and a discourse analysis of Ephesians 3:14-19, along with a summary of the exegetical idea of the passage.

- For assignment (b) above it is strongly recommended that students use the tool Biblearc ([www.biblearc.com](http://www.biblearc.com)). The website contains an intuitive platform for sentence diagramming and discourse analysis (called arcing or bracketing in the website), as well as helpful instructional videos on how to use the tools. There is a small fee to use these tools.

- All assignments should be tagged on the top right corner as follows:

  Name __________________________________________________ Date _____ Box Number _____

- All assignments are to be submitted electronically via the online learning platform. **For essays, please submit a .docx document with Greek/Hebrew fonts in Unicode. This will facilitate the professor’s comments and grading. For diagrams, please submit a .pdf file. For hand-drawn diagrams send a .pdf with the image properly scanned (no smartphone pictures).**

- **Documents uploaded to the online learning platform should be named according to the following format:** NT628_Last Name_Assignment #_Assignment title.
  For example, NT628_Smith_Assignment 1_Analysis of Themes and Motifs

- While aesthetics is not a priority, the neatness of the presentation of the assignments is important and will affect grades. Please refrain from submitting work containing coffee or water stains, or lines and arrows drawn without the use of a ruler.

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Exegesis Paper. Assignment due on Nov. 30th. Students are to complete a major exegesis paper (12-15 pages double-spaced, including footnotes but not bibliography) on a chosen passage of Ephesians (3:14-19 excluded). The paper must integrate the exegetical skills learned in NT502 and subsequent courses. The paper must be an exegesis of the Greek text. Papers that do not show a substantial interaction with the Greek text will receive a failing grade. Detailed guidelines for the paper will be provided on the online learning platform. A sentence diagram and discourse analysis on the passage should be appended to the paper.

6. Evaluation

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Note on attendance: Attendance at every class is expected. A minimum attendance of 10 out of 12 classes is required to pass the class. Absence due to unavoidable circumstances has to be discussed with the professor.

7. Class Outline*

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| 1     | 14-Sep| Ephesians 1:1-2: Introduction to Ephesians | Commentary  
Smith(Bock&Fanning), 73-134; Schreiner, 97-126 (see recommended bibliography)  
Sowell, 3-25 (on Sakai) |
| 2     | 21-Sep| Ephesians 1:3-14         | Commentary                                                             |
| 3     | 28-Sep| Ephesians 1:15-23        | Commentary                                                             |
| 4     | 5-Oct | Ephesians 2:1-22         | Commentary                                                             |
|       | 12-Oct| READING WEEK             | Assignment DUE: Analysis of Themes and Motifs                         |
| 5     | 19-Oct| Ephesians 3:1-13         | Commentary                                                             |
| 6     | 26-Oct| Ephesians 3:14-21        | Assignment DUE: Sentence diagram and discourse analysis               |

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*The schedule may change according to the course dynamics.*

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9. Bibliography

**Required**

Greek New Testament (NA28)


**Recommended**


**Research**


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