

<b>CODE:</b> THO 3301W	<b>TITLE:</b> Hermeneutics and Exegesis in Eastern Christianity
<b>CREDITS:</b> 3 cr.	
<b>TERM:</b> Fall 2012	<b>PROFESSOR:</b> Andrew Onuferko

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	This course will examine the particular contribution of Eastern Christian biblical scholarship, exploring the post-apostolic and patristic legacy of Eastern Christian scriptural study and interpretation; reflecting on the place of Scripture in Eastern Christian doctrine, liturgy and practice, addressing the present-day “hermeneutical crisis” from an Eastern Christian perspective and offering ways to study, interpret and apply the Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testament integrating modern biblical scholarship with Eastern Christian insight and experience.
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To familiarize students with Eastern Christian approaches to reading and studying the Bible, with particular attention to the ecclesial and liturgical context.</li> <li>-To introduce students to Eastern patristic traditions of biblical hermeneutics and exegesis, and to the Jewish, Hellenistic and New Testament roots of these approaches.</li> <li>-To give students the opportunity to read substantial extracts from the biblical commentaries of leading Greek and Syriac Fathers of the Church.</li> <li>-To familiarize students with the formation of the biblical canon in the Eastern churches.</li> <li>- To familiarize students with the interaction between ancient and modern approaches in contemporary Eastern Christian biblical scholarship.</li> <li>- To give students experience in Eastern Christian methods of exegesis and interpretation of selected biblical passages and in using these together with contemporary scholarly commentaries.</li> </ul>
<b>WORKLOAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Weekly reading of approximately 50 pages.</li> <li>-Weekly reflection or quiz and online discussion</li> <li>-Mid-term exam</li> <li>-Research Paper</li> <li>-Final exam</li> </ul>
<b>EVALUATION</b>	<p>Weekly on-line assignments: 25%</p> <p>Mid-term exam: 20%</p> <p>Research Paper: 25%</p> <p>Final exam: 30%</p>
<b>REQUIRED TEXTS</b>	<p>Stylianopoulos, Theodore G., <i>The New Testament: an Orthodox Perspective, Volume One: Scripture, Tradition, Hermeneutics</i>, Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1999.</p> <p>Other required texts will be posted on the course website.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDED TEXTS</b>	<p>Bray, Gerald, <i>Biblical Interpretation: Past and Present</i>, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996.</p> <p>Kannengiesser, Charles, <i>Handbook of Patristic Exegesis</i>, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2006.</p> <p>Tate, W. Randolph, <i>Biblical Interpretation: An Integrated Approach</i>, 3rd ed. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2008.</p>