

Theological hermeneutics and practical exegesis, TÛ.01.01
Estonian Free Church Theological Seminary

Workload 4 ECTS. 12 contact hours (45') in school, 8 contact hours in web, 84 individual work hours.

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Assessment non-differentiated (pass/fail)

Language of Instruction – English, but can also given dispensation to be written in Estonian.

Course Dates: August 22-24, Nuutsaku, Estonia

Question: In light of the Covid restrictions passed by the Estonian government that effected churches during 2020, how might the church affirm or respectfully disagree with those restrictions, in light of the message of Philippians 2:5-11?

Learning outcomes. After passing the course successfully, the student..

1. Will demonstrate knowledge of the Bible and analyzing skills of the meaning of its parts and entire content from the perspective of the church and social life.
2. Will be able to interpret the Biblical message using basic methods of hermeneutics and exegesis in order to transform the research results into a message.
3. Will be able to analyze social and church phenomena in the light of biblical teaching and offer ways to increase trust in church and society.
4. Will be able to articulate and contextualize major questions of ethics and mission on local and global level, based on the Bible message.

Assessment Methods and Criteria

| Assessment Methods | Due date | Assessment Criteria |
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| Exegetical Research Worksheet on Philippians 2:5-11 – Complete the major steps of exegesis from the assigned exegetical worksheet over the assigned passage. | October 10, 2022. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of worksheet between 20-30 pages. • Demonstrates specific knowledge of context, co-text, word meaning, and grammar. • Demonstrates student’s ability to conduct exegetical research alone in a pastoral environment. • Makes use of exegetical tools necessary for study |
| Sermon Manuscript – Write a sermon or lesson manuscript over Philippians 2:5-11 demonstrating use of | October 10, 2022. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of manuscript is between 5-7 pages. • Sermon shows knowledge of Philippians 2:5-11 gained from exegesis. |

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| Exegetical Research Worksheet | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermon shows discernment as to what important exegetical elements to include and exclude. • Sermon includes practical application of Philippians 2:5-11 to the church and society |
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Formation of the final mark

Both assessment methods have been done in time according to the assessment criteria.

This course will include lectures, class discussion, group work, and independent research, as well as problem solving. Overall, the problem this course seeks to solve is, „How does proper Bible study strengthen both the church and society?“

Study flow

| <i>Independent work</i> | <i>Contact hours</i> | <i>Main themes and methods</i> |
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| Prior to class in August 23 | | Complete the 10-part video series on how to study the Bible on Youtube from the Westgate Church of Christ, USA (<i>look at media, in references</i>) |
| | August 23-24, 2022 (12 hours) In Nuutsaku | Steps to Biblical Exegesis/Study Elements of a Biblical Worldview |
| Video/Zoom (6 hours), prior to Oct 3 | | Group: Work on Course Assessment Methods in Groups (Professor will establish groups at Nuutsaku). |
| | Oct 3, 2022 (8 hours) in Web | Meet with professor to examine questions and progress on Assessment Methods Assignments |
| | Due date: October 10, 2022 (70 hours) | Complete the Assessment Methods Above/Read Textbooks |
| | October 20, 2022 | The course is closed |

Learning materials

Primary literature:

William Klein, Craig Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. 3rd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017.

T. Norton Sterrett and Richard L. Schultz. *How to Understand Your Bible*.
Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect, 2010.

Secondary literature:

J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word*. Fourth Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2020.

Media:

Complete the 10-part video series on how to study the Bible on Youtube from the Westgate Church of Christ, USA:

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 1: Introduction - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 2: Exegesis and Hermeneutics - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 3: Inspiration - YouTube](#)

[How To Study the Bible | Episode 4: Reader Bias - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 5: The Old Testament - YouTube](#)

[How To Study the Bible | Episode 6: Canon - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 7: Knowing and Understanding - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Episode 8: Historical and Cultural Context - YouTube](#)

[How to Study the Bible | Grammar and Word Studies - YouTube](#)

[How To Study The Bible | Episode 10: Reflecting Theologically - YouTube](#)