



Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Certificate: New Testament Theology - 18 Credits



Contents / Required Courses:

□	BT 500 English Bible (3 credits)	1
□	BT 601 Hermeneutics (3 credits)	1
□	NT 501 General Introduction to NT (3 credits)	1
□	NT 502 The Gospels (3 credits)	1
□	NT 503 Acts & Paul (3 credits)	1
□	NT 602 General Epistles & Revelation (3 credits)	1

Course Descriptions:

- + **BT 500 English Bible (3 credits):** An overview of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments to increase basic biblical knowledge and understanding. This course is foundational in nature. It may be taken as an elective by those in the M.Div. program to further strengthen their Bible knowledge.
- + **BT 601 Hermeneutics (3 credits):** An advanced treatment of the rules and techniques of biblical interpretation, applying acquired skills of exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek text of Scripture within the parameters of sound principles of hermeneutical practice. Founded upon the introduction to the principles and the history of hermeneutics received in introductory courses, this course sharpens the student's abilities in grappling with specific issues of which he or she is now more fully and intensely aware.
- + **NT 501 General Introduction to NT (3 credits):** This course focuses on issues that relate to the New Testament as a whole. Students survey the background of the New Testament (Judaism, Hellenism, and the Roman Empire, with extensive use of primary sources) as the context for the advent of Christ and the beginnings of the Christian church. The New Testament is also studied as canon to determine how and why the writings were collected and preserved in the early church. Finally, students survey the history of New Testament study and criticism to modern times.
- + **NT 502 The Gospels (3 credits):** The four gospels are studied in English. Students investigate the origins of the gospels, noting early church traditions and modern theories. Special consideration is given to the structure of the synoptic gospels, the kingdom of God, interpreting the parables of Jesus, Johannine theology, and modern homiletical use of the gospels.
- + **NT 503 Acts & Paul (3 credits):** The narrative of Acts provides the historical framework for introducing each of Paul's letters in chronological order. Special attention is given to the background and contents of each letter and to Paul's role in the development and spread of early Christianity.
- + **NT 602 General Epistles & Revelation (3 credits):** Background, contents, and theology of each of the catholic epistles and Revelation are surveyed. Special attention is given to the historical occasion, structure, and theology of Hebrews, the social setting and teaching of James, the relationship between II Peter and Jude and their mutual concerns, and interpretive approaches to Revelation.