

**Eastern WV Community & Technical College
Master Course Record**

Course Prefix and Number: REL 105
Course Title: Understanding the New Testament
Recommended Transcript Title: Understanding the New Testament
Date Approved/Revised: 9/6/13; 1/28/15; 10/5/17
Credit Hours: 3 Lecture: 3 Lab:
Prerequisite: ENL 100 OR minimum acceptable test scores for placement in college-level English. ENL 101 highly recommended. Corequisite: None Pre/Corequisite: None
Grading Mode: Letter
Catalog Description: A basic study of the New Testament. Covers its formation, date of writing, authorship, historical background and the general content of each New Testament book. This course includes the life and teachings of Jesus, and the relationship of the New Testament to the Old Testament and to modern society.
Course Outcomes: (See Competency Verb list for suggested language) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the diversity within early Christianity. 2. Discuss the process by which a book became a part of the Christian canon. 3. Analyze the influence of the Greco-Roman world on early Christianity. 4. Contrast the Greco-Roman Jewish sects. 5. Define gospels as ancient biographies and the difference between synoptic and non-synoptic gospels. 6. Compare and contrast the figure of Jesus in each of the four canonical gospels. 7. Analyze the importance of the Acts of the Apostles in early Christian literature. 8. Summarize the different roles of the non-canonical gospels in our understanding of early Christian tradition. 9. Contrast the historical Jesus with the Christ. 10. Trace the historicity of the New Testament with other extracanonical sources. 11. Discuss the Apocalyptic Jesus within early New Testament era tradition. 12. Analyze the message of Paul and how it compares and contrasts with the message of Jesus. 13. Explain the difference between Paul and pseudo-Paul and define "Pauline Christianities." 14. Discuss the status of women in the early church. 15. Analyze the relationship between both the early Christians and Greco-Roman Jews and between early Christian sects.
Implementation Cycle: Fall
Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Core: Social Science <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Core (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Elective (Specify Program)

Course Number & Title: REL 105: Understanding the New Testament

Date Prepared/Revised: 8/18/13

Approved by Curriculum Committee: 10/5/17

Approved by LCT: 9/16/13; 1/28/15; 10/16/17

<input type="checkbox"/> General Elective
<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
Course Fee: None
Instructor's Qualifications: Master's degree with 18 credit hours in the discipline.
Expanded Course Description: Assignments will include discussions, readings, outside research and essays. Quizzes and tests will be scheduled.

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