

# Biblical Studies (BIST)

*ABP - Satisfies EMU Core Anabaptist Biblical Perspectives requirement.*

*CIW - Satisfies EMU Core Christian Identity and Witness requirement.*

## **\*212 History of the Bible**

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This course examines first the process of biblical revelation in an event-record-copy sequence for both testaments; second, the development of the canon of Old and New Testaments within the faith community; third, the task of translation and its importance for the mission of the church, and finally, principles of interpretation which inform the use of the Bible in a life of faith and service. (CIW) (Spring 2011)

## **\*223 New Testament Studies: Gospels**

This course invites students to explore the texts of the four canonical gospels, using narrative and inductive approaches to understand the four portraits of Jesus presented there. This study will help students to reflect on the good news as expressed in Jesus' life, teachings, death and resurrection, and to practice that good news in a community setting. (ABP) (Spring 2012)

## **\*323 New Testament Studies: Paul**

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This course presents an overview of the Pauline and deuterio-Pauline writings, and provides an introduction to methods of biblical interpretation and exegesis. This process will help students to gain a deeper understanding of Paul's proclamation of faith in and the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, as foundational for communities of Christian believers. (ABP) (Fall 2012)

## **\*341 Old Testament Studies**

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This course invites students into one of the following parts of the biblical text: Pentateuch/Torah, Prophets, Psalms, Wisdom, or Historical books. This exposure to the world of the Hebrew Scriptures deepens understanding of the world into which Jesus was born, and the understandings of God's justice and mercy to the people of Israel that shaped his ministry. An in-depth project relating the text to worship or study is required. (ABP) (Fall 2011)

## **412 Elementary Hebrew**

**3**

This course is an introduction to biblical Hebrew. Hebrew vocabulary, grammar and syntax are introduced inductively in actual prose passages being read from the Hebrew Bible. The goal is to read and translate simple narrative biblical Hebrew. Classroom instruction and student recitation reinforce material also presented in the workbook/textbook which is used alongside a Hebrew Bible. (BVOT 532) (Does not satisfy EMU Core Foreign Language Requirement.)

## **423 Elementary Greek**

**3**

This course is a basic introduction to the language of the Greek New Testament. The course focuses on the basic grammar necessary for reading/translating the Greek New Testament as well as for doing more advanced Greek studies. Through classroom study, written exercises, quizzes and readings in the Gospel of John, students develop ability in discovering the form and function of words/phrases, build a basic vocabulary and discover the value of language study for biblical interpretation. (BVNT 531) (Does not satisfy EMU Core Foreign Language Requirement.)

## **499 Independent Study**

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