

Module Code	HPRS4904
Title	Introduction to the New Testament
Date	19/01/2021
Level	4
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	

AIM(S)

- To provide an introduction to the history, literature and theology of the New Testament writings
- To examine the historical, social and religious factors that led to the composition of the individual texts of the New Testament
- To give a broad overview and assess the significance of the various traditional and contemporary methods employed in the study of the New Testament.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate a good knowledge of major historical events/figures and of the religious concepts contained in the New Testament writings
- Recognize the significance of different critical approaches to the study of the New Testament
- Describe the literary skills and compare the theological insights of the different New Testament writers

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- First-century Judaism and Christian origins
- New Testament texts and the Graeco-Roman world
- Quests for the historical Jesus
- The formation of the gospels and their literary relationship
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Gospel of John
- The Book of Acts and early Christian history
- The life, letters and theology of Paul

- The Book of Revelation

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	20	10
Independent learning	180	90
Placement learning		
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam
 ☒ Coursework
 ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio	Equivalent to 2000 words	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam
 ☒ Coursework
 ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	2000 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Module Title	Introduction to the New Testament	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Crossley, James, <i>Reading the New Testament: Contemporary Approaches</i> (London: Routledge, 2010). Lampeter	☒
Essential	Moyise, Steve, <i>Introduction to Biblical Studies</i> (3rd edition; London: T&T Clark, 2013).	☒
Essential	Marsh, Clive, and Steve Moyise, <i>Jesus and the Gospels</i> (3 rd edition; London: T&T Clark, 2015). Lampeter	☒
Essential	Gooder, Paula, <i>Searching for Meaning: An Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament</i> (London: SPCK, 2008). Carmarthen and Lampeter	☐
Essential	Ehrman, Bart D., <i>The New Testament and Other Early Christian Writings: A Reader</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003). Lampeter	☒
Further	Davies, Eryl W., <i>Biblical Criticism: A Guide for the Perplexed</i> (London: T&T Clark, 2013).	☒
Further	Bond, Helen, <i>The Historical Jesus: A Guide for the Perplexed</i> (London: T&T Clark, 2012).	☒
Further	Barton, John, and John Muddiman (eds), <i>The Oxford Bible Commentary</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007). Carmarthen and Lampeter	☐

Further	Horrell, David G., <i>An Introduction to the Study of Paul</i> (London: Bloomsbury, 2015). Carmarthen and Lampeter	☒
Further	Boxall, Ian, <i>SCM Study Guide: New Testament Interpretation</i> (London: SCM, 2007).	☐
Further	Boxall, Ian, <i>SCM Study Guide: The Books of the New Testament</i> (London: SCM, 2007).	☒
Further	Johnson, Luke T., <i>The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation</i> (London: SCM, 2010). Carmarthen and Lampeter	☒
Further	Aune, David E. (ed.), <i>The Blackwell Companion to the New Testament</i> (Oxford: Blackwell, 2010).	☒
Further	Burkett, Delbert (ed.), <i>The Blackwell Companion to Jesus</i> (Oxford: Blackwell, 2010).	☒
Further	Maier, Harry O. <i>New Testament Christianity in the Roman World</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).	☒