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## **BIB101FYO Biblical Hermeneutics**

### **Syllabus Highlights**

*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.* Matthew 4:4

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### **Course Description**

An introduction to the science and art of biblical interpretation, with an emphasis on the historical-grammatical method.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. To recognize what Scripture is and how one ought to approach it.
2. To develop the skills to read, understand, and apply Scripture in its various contexts and literary genres.
3. To appreciate how the NT authors use the OT.
4. To understand the basic relationship between hermeneutics, biblical theology, systematic theology, and historical theology.
5. To nurture a love and reverent esteem for Holy Scripture.

### **Required Textbooks**

1. The Holy Bible in any translation.
2. Berkhof, Louis, *Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1994). ISBN: 9780801064777
3. Gorman, Michael J., *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2020). ISBN: 9781540960313
4. Sproul, R. C., *Knowing Scripture*, revised ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009). ISBN: 9780830837236
5. Vitringa, Campegius, *The Spiritual Life*, trans. Charles K. Telfer (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2019). ISBN: 9781601786586
6. Additional PDF readings will be assigned and posted under “Files” on the course Canvas page.

### **Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated based on the successful completion of the following assignments. For details on the grading scale, please see the RBC Catalog (pp. 17–18).

1. Attendance and Participation (10% of final grade).
2. Reading (35% of final grade).
3. Written Assignments (35% of final grade).
4. Final Exam (20% of final grade).

\*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A complete syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.