

Course Description

REL1240 | Religion of the New Testament | 3.00 credits

In this course, students will not only explore the historical sources and material in the New Testament, but also examine its significance within the Western canon, shedding light on its literary and cultural impact across different societies and time periods.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an analytical understanding of the historical sources and material in the New Testament, focusing on its literary and cultural significance, thereby gaining insight into the complex interplay between historical context and textual representation by:

- Analyzing the historical sources and material in the New Testament, emphasizing its literary and cultural significance, thereby gaining insight into the complex interplay between historical context and textual representation
- Interpreting the historical sources and material in the New Testament, focusing on its literary and cultural importance, thereby gaining insight into the complex interplay between historical context and textual representation
- Integrating the historical sources and material in the New Testament within their cultural and literary contexts, thereby gaining insight into the complex interplay between historical context and textual representation

Competency 2: The student will exhibit the ability to critically interpret the historical sources and material in the New Testament, emphasizing its literary and cultural importance, enabling them to engage with the text through multiple lenses and perspectives by:

- 1. Comparing the historical sources and material in the New Testament, emphasizing its literary and cultural importance, enabling them to engage with the text through multiple lenses and perspectives
- 2. Evaluating the historical sources and material in the New Testament, focusing on its literary and cultural significance, thereby enabling them to engage with the text through multiple lenses and perspectives
- 3. Exploring the historical sources and material in the New Testament, emphasizing its literary and cultural importance, enabling them to engage with the text through multiple lenses and perspectives

Competency 3: The student will develop the skill to integrate the historical sources and material in the New Testament within their cultural and literary contexts, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the text's significance in shaping cultural narratives and literary traditions by:

- Contextualizing the historical sources and material in the New Testament within their cultural and literary contexts, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the text's significance in shaping cultural narratives and literary traditions
- 2. Examining the historical sources and material in the New Testament within their cultural and literary contexts, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the text's significance in shaping cultural narratives and literary traditions
- 3. Interpreting the historical sources and material in the New Testament within their cultural and literary contexts, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the text's significance in shaping cultural narratives and literary traditions

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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