

REL203: THE NEW TESTAMENT

Course Overview: This course is an overview of the New Testament intended to acquaint the student with its background, content, and messages. The New Testament is read with a focus on the life of Jesus, his teaching and miracles, death and resurrection. The other major people of the New Testament are also studied through their writings, especially the apostles Paul, Peter and John. | 3 credits

Grading:

Shared discussions	75%
Written assignments	25%

Attendance:

Attendance is recorded for each discussion or assignment that is submitted. Students are encouraged to log on about 4 times per week and dedicate about 6 hours each week to their coursework.

Required text: Students will need a study bible. The *Lutheran study bible* is recommended. A contemporary translation such as the New International Version or the English Standard Version is expected.

Assignments: This course has eight units which consist of:

- Units 1-7: two weeks each
- Unit 8: one week

Each unit involves readings from the Bible and other texts, three discussion questions to be shared with others, and five responses to questions that are shared with the instructor.

Shared discussions: Posted answers should be 7-8 sentences. Replies to the posts of others should be about 4 sentences in length.

Written assignment questions: There are five private discussion questions for each unit which are read only by the instructor. These are to be 4-5 sentences each.



15 week course
Not self-paced;
assignments
Have weekly
deadlines.



Students can access
their course any time,
from any location.
A laptop or desktop is
recommended.



Students will set up
a university email &
use this while in the
course.
Orientation will be
required prior to the
start of the course.

COURSE SCHEDULE

There is extensive reading in the New Testament, so it's important to be keeping up and planning accordingly each week. It's recommended to be responding to discussion questions early in the week, as this gives students the opportunity to reflect and respond appropriately. Participating in the discussions often will help keep you engaged.

Units and Weeks	Readings and Videos	Graded Assignments
Unit 1—Week 1	Matthew 1-28—Video 1	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 1—Week 2	Article by Kolb	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 2—Week 3	Mark 1-16—Video 2	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 2—Week 4	Article by Gaiser	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 3—Week 5	Luke 1-24—Video 3	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 3—Week 6	Article by Kiehl	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 4—Week 7	John 1-21—Video 4	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 4—Week 8	Article by Pack	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 5—Week 9	Acts 1-28 and Philippians 1-4— Video 5	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 5—Week 10	Article by Muhic	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 6—Week 11	Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Philemon—Video 6	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 6—Week 12	Article by Ortberg	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 7—Week 13	Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude—Video 7	Two Discussion Questions
Unit 7—Week 14	Article by Wigoder	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions
Unit 8—Week 15	1, 2 and 3 John and Revelation— Video 8	One Discussion Question Five Written Assignment Questions

This is a sample course schedule and the actual course layout could change each term.