



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

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Introduction to the New Testament

Course Code	G_BATRSAL078
Credits	3
Period	P3
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. L.J. Lietaert Peerbolte
Examiner	prof. dr. L.J. Lietaert Peerbolte
Teaching Staff	prof. dr. L.J. Lietaert Peerbolte
Teaching method(s)	Seminar

Course Objective

After finishing this course the student:

- is familiar with the most important introductory questions and problems regarding the writings of the New Testament;
- is aware of the complex history of the growth of these writings;
- is able to position her-/himself in the academic debate surrounding the writings of the New Testament;
- is able to apply the acquired insights in reading New Testament texts.

Course Content

The student will have to read the assigned literature for this course and participate in assignments intended to deepen the reflection on this literature. Crucial questions will be dealt with in class, such as the synoptic problem (how do Matthew, Mark, and Luke relate to each other?), the authorship of the Pauline epistles (seven undisputed letters vs six disputed letters), the first principles of textual criticism, and the formation of the Christian canon.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars

Method of Assessment

Written exam

Literature

Mandatory literature:

- Bart D. Ehrman, A Brief Introduction to the New Testament (New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 5th edition, 2021).

- PowerPoints and Introductory Online Lessons [Note: slideshows and the videos will be made available through Canvas.]