

# NEW TESTAMENT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (TTNT)

## Objectives

The mission of the New Testament department is to help students gain a deeper appreciation of the NT by developing skills in the areas of Greek language, exegesis, the historical-cultural setting of the NT, and biblical theology. The intended outcome is for students to better understand God's written word in order to apply it to the development of a distinctly Christian worldview that they would live out in daily life and their ministries.

## Preparation for Study

Students are strongly advised to take beginning Greek prior to starting coursework at Talbot (either in Summer Session at Talbot or in undergraduate work), so that the student can immediately begin work with the Greek text of the New Testament. A qualifying examination in Greek is available to all students with previous Greek training. Those with a grade of "C" or higher on the examination will be enrolled in TTNT 503 and the rest in TTNT 501. Those who take beginning Greek at Talbot will have 4 credits fewer elective options.

## Competency Requirement

Students must pass TTNT 501 and TTNT 502 with a "C-" or better to progress to TTNT 503. Students must pass TTNT 503 with a "C-" or better to progress to other courses for which TTNT 503 is a prerequisite or receive approval from the department chair.

## Courses

### TTNT 501 - Beginning Greek I Credits 3

Part 1 of an introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek. Translation of portions of the New Testament in the second semester. Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

### TTNT 502 - Beginning Greek II Credits 3

Part 2 of an introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek. Translation of portions of the New Testament in the second semester. Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 501.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

### TTNT 503 - Introduction to Exegesis Credits 3

A comprehensive survey of morphology and syntax, the building of a Greek vocabulary, an introduction to textual criticism, and the development of an exegetical methodology with reading in selected passages of the Greek New Testament. Designed to emphasize the value of Greek study as a tool for understanding the biblical text. **Lecture/Lab Hours:** Includes a required one hour non-credit lab. **Note(s):** Required of Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Bible Exposition, New Testament, Old Testament, Theology), and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Leadership (Preaching and Pastoral Ministry) students. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** Successful completion of the online Talbot Research and Writing Module; TTNT 502.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

### TTNT 604 - Exegesis in the Gospels Credits 3

Exegetical study of select passages from the Greek text of the gospels. Application of exegetical methodology and discussion of background issues, including historical backgrounds, composition, authorship, and distinctives of each book. Special attention given to assessment of modern critical methods for the interpretation of the biblical text. **Note(s):** Required of all Master of Arts (New Testament) students; Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Leadership (Preaching and Pastoral Ministry) students may take TTNT 604 or TTNT 605. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** Successful completion of the online Talbot Research and Writing Module; TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

### TTNT 605 - Exegesis in the Epistles Credits 3

Exegetical study of select passages from the Greek text of the Epistles in the light of the historical framework of the book of Acts. Application of exegetical methodology and discussion of background issues, including historical backgrounds, composition, authorship, and distinctives of each book. Special attention given to assessment of modern critical methods for the interpretation of the biblical text. **Note(s):** Required of all Master of Arts (New Testament) students; Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Leadership (Preaching and Pastoral Ministry) students may take TTNT 604 or TTNT 605. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** Successful completion of the online Talbot Research and Writing Module; TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

### TTNT 608 - Summer Readings in New Testament Greek Credits 1-2

Selected readings from the Greek New Testament. The course is designed to give students who have completed first year Greek experience in reading the text during the summer before they take TTNT 503. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 502.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

### TTNT 610 - Readings in New Testament Greek Credits 1-3

Selected readings from the Greek New Testament. The course is designed to give students experience in reading the text. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times for credit with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 10.

### TTNT 616 - Readings in Hellenistic Greek Credits 1-3

Readings from a variety of literary and non-literary Koine texts as a means of developing a greater awareness of the linguistic, literary, and cultural context of the New Testament. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

### TTNT 621 - Life of Christ Credits 2-3

A study of the historical and cultural background to the gospels; extensive study of the mission, life and teachings of Christ. A harmony/synopsis of the gospels will be employed in order to give attention to the similarities and differences in the gospel accounts. **Note(s):** Elective.

**Grade Mode:** A.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Class, Graduate Class, Sophomore Class, Junior Class, or Senior Class; Doctoral Level, Graduate Level, or Undergraduate Level.

- TTNT 623 - Exegesis of the Gospel of Matthew** Credits 2-3  
A study of the entire gospel with detailed exegesis of select passages. Special attention given to the structure, argument, and interpretative problems of the gospel. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 641 - Exegesis of Romans** Credits 2-3  
A study of the entire epistle with detailed exegesis of select passages. Special attention given to the structure, argument, and interpretative problems of the epistle. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 644 - Exegesis of Ephesians** Credits 2-3  
Translation and exegesis of the epistle with special attention given to determining the life-setting and to interpreting the primary themes. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 646 - Exegesis of Hebrews** Credits 2-3  
A study of the entire epistle with detailed exegesis of select passages. Special attention given to the structure, argument, and interpretative problems of the epistle. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 701 - The World of the New Testament** Credits 2-3  
New Testament historical backgrounds and archaeology, including a study of the religious developments, literature, geography and cultural setting of Judaism and the Hellenistic world at the time of Christ and the early Church. **Note(s):** Required of Master of Arts (New Testament) students. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** Successful completion of the online Talbot Research and Writing Module. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 703 - The Cultural Setting of the Gospels** Credits 2-3  
An examination of such things as Jewish religious beliefs and customs, the political situation, urban life, folk belief, ethnic issues, language, Greco-Roman religious beliefs and customs, and other cultural phenomena that form the relevant background to the Gospels. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 704 - The Cultural Setting of Acts** Credits 2-3  
An examination of such things as Jewish religious beliefs and customs, the political situation, urban life, folk belief, ethnic issues, language, Greco-Roman religious beliefs and customs, and other cultural phenomena that form the relevant background to the book of Acts. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 707 - The Cultural Setting of Second Corinthians** Credits 2-3  
An examination of such things as Jewish religious beliefs and customs, the political situation, urban life, folk belief, ethnic issues, language, Greco-Roman religious beliefs and customs, and other cultural phenomena that form the relevant background to Paul's letters to Corinth. **Note(s):** Elective. **Grade Mode:** A. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 721 - Exegesis of the Synoptic Discourses of Christ** Credits 2-3  
Christ's major discourses in the Synoptic gospels, with principal emphasis upon the Sermon on the Mount, the Parables of the Mysteries of the Kingdom and the Olivet Discourse. The content of the discourses will be analyzed within the ministry of Christ. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 722 - Exegesis of the Gospel of Luke** Credits 2-3  
Extensive translation in the gospel. Exegesis of selected portions. Consideration of the contribution of this book to one's knowledge of the life of Christ. Examination of style and vocabulary of Luke. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 723 - Exegesis of Acts** Credits 2-3  
Extensive translation in the book. Exegesis of selected portions. Consideration of the contribution of this book to knowledge of the expansion and life of the early Church. Introduction to critical issues in the book, with emphasis upon its importance and its historicity. Comparison of style with that of Luke's gospel. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 741 - Exegesis of Second Corinthians** Credits 2-3  
A detailed study of the Greek text of the epistle with special attention given to problems of grammar and interpretation. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 742 - Exegesis of Galatians** Credits 2-3  
A detailed exegesis of the original text together with a consideration of the historical situations. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 743 - Exegesis of Philippians** Credits 2-3  
A detailed study of the Greek text of the epistle with special attention given to the problems of grammar and interpretation. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 744 - Exegesis of Colossians** Credits 2-3  
A detailed study of the Greek text of the epistle with emphasis upon the problems present in the Colossian church. Exegesis of the epistle. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.
- TTNT 747 - Exegesis of the Pastoral Epistles** Credits 2-3  
An examination of I Timothy, II Timothy and Titus in the Greek text with a special focus on church structure and leadership. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503. **Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 751 - Exegesis of the Apocalypse Credits 2-3**

A study based on the original text, with a focus on the seven churches and the literary genre of the book. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 755 - Theology of the Gospels Credits 2-3**

An examination of the theological teaching of Jesus as recorded in the four gospel narratives. Special attention is paid to the chronological development of themes taught by Christ in the light of His presentation and rejection. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 757 - Johannine Theology Credits 2-3**

The theology of the Johannine writings, with emphasis upon the concepts that the writer himself emphasizes. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 502.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 759 - Pauline Theology Credits 2-3**

The main themes of Paul's doctrine from the biblical theological perspective. **Note(s):** Elective. Electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 502.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 770 - Spiritual Formation in the Letters of Paul Credits 2-3**

An exploration of the theme of Christian growth in the letters and life of the Apostle Paul. **Note(s):** Elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 790 - New Testament Capstone Credit 1**

Students will work with the course professor to write and present a paper integrating exegesis of Scripture, scholarly research, and reflection on the implications of the conclusions for the individual Christian life, for the body-life of the church, or for the witness of the church in the world.

**Note(s):** Required of Master of Arts New Testament students in their final semester of study. **Grade Mode:** C.

**Prerequisite(s):** TTNT 503.

**Restriction(s):** Must be New Testament (TANT); Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**TTNT 791 - New Testament Seminar Credits 1-4**

Supervised research of designated areas of concentration in New Testament literature, history, interpretation or theology. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times for credit with different content; elective; electives are offered by rotation and on request. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Doctoral Level or Graduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 10.