

Department of Theology

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Rodrigo Morales
Course #: THEO 201
Course Title: New Testament Method

Content:

This course is an overview of the various scholarly tools and methods used to interpret the texts of the New Testament. The first third of the course will cover significant ecclesial documents on the interpretation and place of Scripture in the life of the Church, as well as survey some of the major figures in the development of the historical critical approach to the Bible. The rest of the course will focus on interpreting representative texts from each of the main genres of the New Testament (Gospels, Acts, Letters, etc.), introducing the various methods through a hands-on approach.

Format:

Seminar

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Seminar paper
- Regular class presentations

Language Pre-requisites:

- N/A

Required Texts:

- Dean Béchard, *The Scripture Documents*
- Markus Bockmuehl, *Seeing the Word: Refocusing New Testament Study*
- Roy Harrisville and Walter Sundberg, *The Bible in Modern Culture*
- Greek New Testament (biblical area students) or Bible (non-biblical students)

Note: students should order books on-line or acquire them at a bookstore, as they have not been ordered at the BookMarq.