

Syllabus

Seminar:

Leaders with Integrity – Studies in the Pastoral Letters, 7,5 ECTS-credits

Course code	BV247	Valid from	Fall 2013
Discipline	Biblical Studies	Issued	2013-01-31
Level	First cycle 2, seminar course	Revised	2020-02-11

Admission requirements

60 ECTS in Theology/Religious Studies including BV101 Old Testament Exegesis, BV102 New Testament Exegesis, BV103 Biblical Theology 1 or equivalent.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

At the end of the course the student is expected

- to demonstrate increased insight and awareness of the discussions concerning the authorship, dating, setting and theology of the Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus), and
- to demonstrate increased insight and understanding concerning the diversity of the early Christian movement and its emerging leadership structures.

Competence and skills

At the end of the course the student is expected

- to demonstrate advanced skills in reading and interpreting the Pastoral Letters, and
- to demonstrate competence in making hermeneutical reflections from the letters concerning Christian leadership today.

Judgement and approach

At the end of the course the student is expected

- to demonstrate a hermeneutical awareness in the task of reading and interpreting the Pastoral Letters, in particular as it comes to such issues as leadership offices and structures, and women in ministry.

Content

The Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) have been under debate for two centuries, in particular the question of authorship and dating. How do these letters relate to the other Pauline letters? The Pastoral Letters abound with instructions and exhortations about sound doctrine, leadership and church order. This raises several interesting historical and hermeneutically questions: Should the Pastoral Letters be understood as an early church manual? Are these letters representative for the whole early church? Or should they be understood as typical *ad hoc*-letters? If so, what does this mean for the application of these letters today?

The course covers the following areas: The Pastoral Letters in modern research, the socio-historical setting of the letters, the theology and ethics of the letters, and authority and leadership structures in the Pastoral letters. Hermeneutical issues will also be discussed, particularly the issue of women in leadership.

Course work

Lectures, literature seminars, and a written essay.

Examination

Exegetical and theological essay on the Pastoral Epistles (3 000 – 4 000 words). (5hp)

Text- and commentary discussion (500 – 800 words). (1,5hp)

Reflections on Christian leadership (3 000 words). (1hp)

Grading Scale

Passed with distinction (VG), Passed (G) or Failed (U).

Course evaluation

No major changes have been made in the syllabus since the last time the course was given.

Comments

This course can also be taken as a New Testament Greek course.

Required reading

Köstenberger, A. and T.L. Wilder. 2010. *Entrusted with the Gospel: Paul's Theology in the Pastoral Epistles*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman. ISBN: 978-0-8054-4841-2

Articles:

Fee, G.D. 1991. "The Great Watershed – Intentionality and Particularity/Eternality: 1 Tim 2:8–15 as a Test Case" in G.D. Fee, *Gospel and Spirit: Issues in New Testament Hermeneutics*, Peabody: Hendrickson, p. 52–65. (Digital text.)

Marshall, I.H. 2002. "Congregation and Ministry in the Pastoral Epistles", *Community Formation in the Early Church and in the Church Today*, red. R.N. Longenecker, 105–25, Peabody: Hendrickson. (Digital text.)

Schoeler, D.M. 1993. "Patterns of Authority in the Early Church" in *Servant Leadership: Authority and Governance in the Evangelical Church*, red. J.R. Hawkinson and R.K. Johnston, 45–65, Chicago: Covenant Publications. (Digital text.)

Tellbe, M. 2012. "Ephesus and Power: Early Christian Textual Prototypes of Authority in a Local Perspective". *The Making of Christianity: Conflicts, Contacts, and Constructions: Essays Written in Honor of Bengt Holmberg*, red. M. Zetterholm and S. Byrskog, 273–298, Coniectanea Biblica: New Testament Series 47. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns. (Digital text.)

One of the following commentaries (approx. 200 pp.):

Collins, R.F. 2002. *1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. NTL. Louisville. Westminster John Knox Press.

Fee, G.D. 1984. *1 and 2 Timothy, Titus*. NIBC. Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers.

Johnson, L.T. 2001. *The First and Second Letters to Timothy*. AB 35A. New York: Doubleday.

Knight III, G.W. 1992. *Commentary on the Pastoral Epistles*. NIGTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Liefeld, W.L. 1999. *1 & 2 Timothy/Titus*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

Marshall, I.H. 1999. *Pastoral Epistles*. Edinburgh: T & T Clark.

Mounce, W. 2000. *Pastoral Epistles*. WBC 46. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Quinn, J.D. 1990. *The Letter to Titus*. AB 35A. New York: Doubleday.

Towner, P.H. 1994. *1–2 Timothy & Titus*. IVP NTC 14. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press.

Towner, P.H. 2006. *The Letters to Timothy and Titus*. NICNT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Wall, R.W. 2012. *1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. THNTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Yarbrough, R.W. 2018. *The Letters to Timothy and Titus*. PNTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.