

Course Syllabus WYB3... & WYB6... The Letters of Peter and Jude Wycliffe College Toronto School of Theology Winter 2021

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Course Identification

Course Number: 3000/6000 level

Course Format: In-class

Course Name: The Letters of Peter and Jude

Course Location: St George Campus, Wycliffe College (5 Hoskin Avenue):

Class Times: Tuesday, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Prerequisites: None

Course Description

The course will introduce students to the text of the letters of Peter and Jude and to issues surrounding their interpretation. A range of scholarly approaches to interpreting the letters of Peter and Jude will be introduced, and issues explored will include authorship, literary relationships between the letters, literary relationships with other early Christian and Jewish texts, and the social and ecclesial contexts of the first readers. Careful attention will be paid to the theological perspectives and convictions expressed in the letters, with particular concern for (i) questions of Christology, (ii) the relationship of the churches with Greco-Roman society, and (iii) conflicts within the churches. The identity of Christ and the nature of the church, its common life and divisions, and its relationship with Greco-Roman society, will provide the principal foci of the course. This course also aims to assist students in apprehending the the relevance of the letters of Peter and Jude in contemporary contexts.

Course Resources

Required Course Texts/Bibliography

- Eric F. Mason and Troy W. Martin (eds.), Reading 1-2 Peter and Jude: A Resource for Students (Atlanta: SBL, 2014)
- Karen Jobes, 1 Peter, BECNT (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005)
- Richard Bauckham, Jude-2 Peter, WBC 50 (Waco, TX: Word, 1983)

Course Website(s)

This course uses Quercus for its course website. To access it, go to the UofT Quercus login page at https://q.utoronto.ca/ and login using your UTORid and password. Once you have logged in to Quercus using your UTORid and password, look for the **My Courses** module, where you'll find the link to the website for all your Quercus-based courses. (Your course registration with ACORN gives you access to the course website in Quercus.) Information for students about using Quercus can be found at: https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701.

Course Methodology

The class is geared towards exploring significant issues in the scholarship of the letters of Peter and Jude while engaging closely with the text of the letters. Class sessions will be organized around a mixture of lectures and seminar-style discussion of texts. The lectures will provide students with an orientation to different approaches used in the study of the letters, especially as they relate to critical issues. The seminar discussions will explore selected texts in detail, relating their content to these approaches and issues. Alongside assigned readings relating to the topics covered by the lectures, students will complete an exegetical worksheet in preparation for each text seminar. This will involve the use of the required commentary and at least one other commentary. In this way students will have exposure both to a single important commentary on the letter (and to the way in which an interpretation of the letter as a whole may be constructed) and to a cross-section of the several excellent commentaries now available on the letters of Peter and Jude (and hence to a breadth of perspectives on the interpretation of the letters). The emphasis of the lectures, text seminars, and assessments is upon exegetical and theological interpretation, but other methodologies will be included (e.g. social-scientific approaches) and students given the opportunity to explore them. The learning of the class builds towards a final research paper in which students critically evaluate a major issue in the interpretation of the letters and its significance.

COURSE OUTCOMES	COURSE ELEMENT	PROGRAM OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students will be able to:	This outcome will be demonstrated through these course elements:	This course outcome corresponds to these aspects of Wycliffe's statement of outcomes (MTS, MDiv):
critically assess scholarly debates concerning the origins (authorship, sources, contexts of recipients) of the Letters of Peter and Jude and articulate their significance for the interpretation of the letters.	Lectures, exegetical worksheets, text seminars, short paper, research paper.	MTS: 1.1, 1.2 MDiv: 1.1, 1.2 MA: 1 PhD: 1.1 ThM: 1.1, 1.2
analyze major issues addressed by the Letters of Peter and Jude, especially as they relate to the identity of Christ and to the nature of Christian community.	Lectures, exegetical worksheets, text seminars, short paper, research paper.	MTS: 1.1, 2.1 MDiv: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2 MA: 1 PhD: 1.1, 5 ThM: 1.1, 1.2, 2.5
formulate their own critically informed exegesis of selected texts from the Letters of Peter and Jude.	Exegetical worksheets, text seminars, short paper	MTS: 1.1, 2.1 MDiv: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2 MA: 2 PhD: 2, 5 ThM: 2.3, 2.5

COURSE OUTCOMES	COURSE ELEMENT	PROGRAM OUTCOMES
evaluate the significance of		MTS: 1.4, 2.1
major issues in the interpretation of the Letters of Peter and Jude	research paper	MDiv: 1.6, 2.1
for church and society in contemporary contexts.		MA: 2
		PhD: 5
		ThM : 2.2, 2.5

Evaluation

Requirements

The final grade for the course will be based on evaluations in the following areas:

10% Participation25% Exegetical Worksheets25% Short Paper on 1 Peter 2:1-1240% Research Paper

- Participation: Students are expected to read 1 Peter by the end of the first week of the semester, to read 2 Peter and Jude by the end of reading week, to attend classes, to participate in class discussion, and to complete the required reading. A record of attendance will be kept, and a reading log submitted. The log is due on <u>Friday April 9.</u>
- The Old Testament, Christ, and the Church: Students will write an exegetical paper on 1 Peter 2:112. The paper is due on <u>Monday February 22.</u> The paper will pay particular attention to the extensive use of Old Testament texts in 1 Peter 2:1-12, especially their use to establish Christ's identity and that of the church. Further printed guidance will be provided. <u>Basic degree students</u> will write a paper of 1200 1500 words on the basis of the English text of 1 Peter and the Old Testament. The bibliography should include at least four commentaries. <u>Advanced degree students</u> will write a paper of 2200-2500 words on the basis of the Greek text of 1 Peter and the LXX. The bibliography should include four commentaries and at least two other scholarly secondary sources.
- Exegetical Worksheets: The instructor will provide exegetical worksheets to be studied in preparation for each class. Students will submit 8 of these exegetical worksheets during the semester. At least 4 worksheets must be on 2 Peter and Jude and the worksheet for week 3 (1 Peter 2:1-12) may <u>not</u> be used. Individual worksheets must be submitted at the class to which they relate (except for week 1, which will be accepted up until January 12). All students must include a bibliography of commentaries consulted with each worksheet. <u>Basic degree students</u> should use the required commentary plus one other and will comment on the English text.

<u>Advanced degree students</u> should use the required commentary plus two others and will comment on the Greek text. Worksheets for advanced degree students will include as appropriate questions concerning lexical issues, issues of syntax and translation, and textual criticism.

- Final Research Paper. <u>Basic degree students</u> will write a research paper of 3000 3500 words on one of the critical questions concerning the study of the letters of Peter and Jude listed below. <u>The paper is due on Monday March 29.</u> Further printed guidance as to how students are to approach the paper will be provided. However, students should use at least six scholarly secondary sources. <u>Advanced degree students</u> will write a research paper of 4000 4500 words with a bibliography of at least ten scholarly secondary sources. Students will select from the following questions:
 - (i) Who wrote the letters of Peter and Jude and when? Why is the question significant?
 - (ii) Do the relevant texts in the Petrine letters provide a convincing biblical basis for the claim of the creed that Jesus 'descended into hell'?
 - (iii) Is the description of the first readers of 1 Peter as 'aliens and exiles' (2:11, see also 1:1, 1:17) metaphorical or literal? What difference does your answer make to the interpretation of the letter?
 - (iv) What does 1 Peter teach about suffering as a Christian? Is its legacy positive or negative today?
 - (v) What kind of stance towards wider society is advocated in 1 Peter? What consequences might your answer have for Christian attitudes today?
 - (vi) Does 2 Peter 1:3-4 provide an adequate basis for a soteriology in which *theosis* or divinization is a central category? What consequences might your answer have for contemporary presentations of the gospel?
 - (vii) What does 2 Peter 3 teach about the future of creation? What is at stake in the discussion?

Grading System - Basic Degree Students

1000, 2000 and 3000 level courses use the following numerical grading scale (see section 11.2 of the BD Handbook):

90-100 (A+)	Exceptional
85-89 (A)	Outstanding
80-84 (A-)	Excellent
77-79 (B+)	Very Good
73-76 (B)	Good
70-72 (B-)	Acceptable
0-69 (FZ)	Failure

Grading System - Graduate Degree Students

5000, 6000 and 7000 level courses use the following alpha grading scale:

A+	(90-100)	Profound & creative
Α	(85-89)	Outstanding
A-	(80-84)	Excellent

B+	(77-79)	Very Good
В	(73-76)	Good
B-	(70-72)	Satisfactory at a post-baccalaureate level
FΖ	(0-69)	Failure

Grades without numerical equivalent:

CR	Designates credit; has no numerical equivalent or grade point value
NCR	Designates failure; has no numerical equivalent, but has a grade point value of 0 and is included in the GPA calculation
SDF	Standing deferred (a temporary extension)
INC	Permanent incomplete; has no numerical equivalent or grade point value
WDR	Withdrawal without academic penalty
AEG	May be given to a final year student who, because of illness, has completed at least 60% of the course, but not the whole course, and who would not otherwise be able to convocate; has no numerical equivalent and no grade point value

Late work (BD). Basic Degree students are expected to hand in assignments by the date given in the course outline. The absolute deadline for the course is the examination day scheduled for the course or the last day of exam week for the semester in which the course is taught, whichever is sooner.

This penalty is not applied to students with documented medical or compassionate difficulties or exceptional reasons (e.g., a death in the family or a serious illness); students facing such difficulties are kindly requested to consult with their faculty adviser or basic degree director, who should make a recommendation on the matter to the instructor and request an SDF. The absolute deadline for obtaining an SDF for the course is the examination day scheduled for the course or the last day of examination week, whichever is sooner. An SDF must be requested from the registrar's office in the student's college of registration no later than the last day of exam week in which the course is taken. The SDF, when approved, will have a mutually agreed upon deadline that does not extend beyond the conclusion of the following term. If a student has not completed work but has not been granted an SDF, a final mark will be submitted calculating a zero for work not submitted.

Up until a week after submission deadlines, one percentage point per day will be deducted from the assignment grade if an extension has not been requested by the stated deadline. Beyond the end of the first week a further 10% will be deducted from the assignment grade for each week or part of a week. However, no late work will be accepted without an approved extension after Friday April 9.

Course grades. Consistently with the policy of the University of Toronto, course grades submitted by an instructor are reviewed by a committee of the instructor's college before being posted to ACORN. Grades are not official until they are posted to ACORN. Course grades may be adjusted where they do not comply with University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy found at www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/grading.pdf, policies found in the TST conjoint program handbooks, or college grading policy.

Accessibility. Students with a disability or health consideration, whether temporary or permanent, are entitled to accommodation. Students in conjoint degree programs must register at the University of Toronto's Accessibility Services offices; information is available at http://www.accessibility.utoronto.ca/. The sooner a student seeks accommodation, the quicker we can assist.

Plagiarism. Students submitting written material in courses are expected to provide full documentation for sources of both words and ideas in footnotes or endnotes. Direct quotations should be placed within quotation marks. (If small changes are made in the quotation, they should be indicated by appropriate punctuation such as brackets and ellipses, but the quotation still counts as a direct quotation.) Failure to document borrowed material constitutes plagiarism, which is a serious breach of academic, professional, and Christian ethics. An instructor who discovers evidence of student plagiarism is not permitted to deal with the situation individually but is required to report it to his or her head of college or delegate according to the TST Basic Degree Handbook and the Graduate program Handbooks (linked from http://www.tst.edu/academic/resources-forms/handbooks and the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=4871. A student who plagiarizes in this course will be assumed to have read the document "Avoidance of plagiarism in theological writing" published by the Graham Library of Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/Library Archives/Theological Resources/Tools/Guides/plag.htm.

Other academic offences. TST students come under the jurisdiction of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm.

Back-up copies. Please make back-up copies of all papers before handing them in.

Obligation to check email. At times, the course instructor may decide to send out important course information by email. To that end, all students in conjoint programs are required to have a valid utoronto email address. Students must have set up their utoronto email address which is entered in the ACORN system. Information is available at www.utorid.utoronto.ca. The course instructor will not be able to help you with this. 416-978-HELP and the Help Desk at the Information Commons can answer questions you may have about your UTORid and password. Students should check utoronto email regularly for messages about the course. Forwarding your utoronto.ca email to a Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo or other type of email account is not advisable. In some cases, messages from utoronto.ca addresses sent to Hotmail, Gmail or Yahoo accounts are filtered as junk mail, which means that emails from your course instructor may end up in your spam or junk mail folder. Students in non-conjoint programs should contact the Registrar of their college of registration.

Email communication with the course instructor. The instructor aims to respond to email communications from students in a timely manner. All email communications from students in conjoint programs must be sent from a utoronto email address. Email communications from other email addresses are not secure, and also the instructor cannot readily identify them as being legitimate emails from students. The instructor is not obliged to respond to email from non-utoronto addresses for students in conjoint programs. Students in non-conjoint programs should only use the email address they have provided to their college of registration.

Course Evaluations. At the end of the course students are expected to complete a course evaluation. The evaluation is done online, and instructions will be contained in an e-mal message that will be sent out by the Wycliffe College registrar.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Text Seminar	Assigned
				Readings
1	January 4	Syllabus Review, Authorship	1 Peter 1:1-12	L. Donelson,
	10.00am-1.00pm	and Date of 1 Peter		"Gathering
				Apostolic
				Voices," in Mason &
2	January 11	The First Readers of 1 Peter	1 Peter 1:13-25	Martin, 11-26 D. Horrell,
	January 11 10.00am-1.00pm	and their Situation	1 Peter 1:13-25	"Ethnicity,
	10.00am-1.00pm	and their Situation		Empire, and
				Early Christian
				identity," in
				Mason &
				Martin, 135-50
3	January 18	The Sources of 1 Peter	1 Peter 2:1-12	D.G. Horrell, 1
	10.00am-1.00pm	3041003 31 1 1 0001	1 1 0 10 1 12	Peter (New York:
	10.00diii 1.00piii			T&T Clark,
				2008), 31-44
4	January 25	The Christology of 1 Peter	1 Peter 2:13-25	S.J. Kraftchick,
	10.00am-1.00pm	, c		"Reborn to a
				Living Hope" in
				Mason &
				Martin, 83-98
5	February 1	Household Codes in Early	1 Peter 3:1-17	N. Pardee, "Be
	10.00am-1.00pm	Christianity and the Ethos of		Holy, for I am
		1 Peter		Holy" in Mason
				& Martin, 113-
				34
6	February 8	"He descended into hell" -	1 Peter 4:4-19,	J. Dennis,
	10.00am-1.00pm	Does the Apostle's Creed	5:1-11	"Cosmology in
		reflect the Teaching of 1		the Petrine
		Peter 3:16-4:6?		Literature and
				Jude" in S.
				McDonough &
				J.T. Pennington,
				eds., Cosmology
				and New
				Testament
				Theology (New
				York: T&T Clark,
_				2008), 157-77
7	Reading Week	The Authority Co.	1 1 4 7	1.1/
8	February 22	The Authorship, Date, and	Jude 1-7	J. Knight, 2 Peter
	10.00am-1.00pm	Relationship of Jude and 2		and Jude
		Peter		(Sheffield,

				Academic Press,
	NA susta 4	The Courses of Jude and 2	ld- 0.1C	1995), 9-36
9	March 1	The Sources of Jude and 2	Jude 8-16	E. Mason, "Biblical and
	10.00am-1.00pm	Peter		Nonbiblical
				Traditions" in
				Mason &
10	Manala O	The Disease fluids and 2	l. d. 47.25	Martin, 181-200
10	March 8	The Place of Jude and 2	Jude 17-25	W. Grunstaudl &
	10.00am-1.00pm	Peter in the Canon and the		T. Nicklas, "The
		Development of Early		History of
		Christianity		Reception" in
				Mason &
11	March 15	2 Determined The series	2 Peter 1:1-11	Martin, 215-28
11		2 Peter and Theosis:	2 Peter 1:1-11	W. Corbin
	10.00am-1.00pm	Salvation as Divinization		Reuschling, "The
				Means and End in 2 Peter 1:3-
				11: The
				Theological and Moral
				Significance of Theosis" in
				Journal of
				Theological
				Interpretation 8.2 (2014), 275-
				86
12	March 22	False Teachers in Jude and 2	2 Peter 2:1-22	P. Davids, "Are
12	10.00am-1.00pm	Peter	2 Peter 2.1-22	the Others too
	10.00am-1.00pm	Peter		Other?" in
				Mason &
13	March 29	Panawal or Panlacoment:	2 Peter 3	Martin, 201-14 K. Coblentz-
13	10.00am-1.00pm	Renewal or Replacement: What does 2 Peter 3 teach	2 FELEI 3	Bautch,
	10.00am-1.00pm	about the Future of		"Awaiting a New
		Creation?		Heavens and a
		Creation:		New Earth" in
				Mason &
				Martin, 63-82

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