BS600 Orientation to Biblical Studies

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Monday 6:0 – 9:00 pm, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & online in July

Prerequisite: NONE

Course Description:
This course will introduce students to academic tools and methods used to study the Bible, thus preparing students both for future Bible courses and for other theological study at the Ecumenical Institute. The course will focus on topics related to biblical study including: 1) the development of the biblical canon; 2) methods and tools for Biblical study; 3) the exegetical process; and 4) the transmission and growth of biblical literature.

Course Requirements:
1. Regular attendance of all June class sessions, including preparation for class by carefully reading assigned texts and active participation in the class discussions
2. Participation in online work in July
3. Mid-term exam
4. Brief writing assignments
5. Short exegesis paper

Required Texts:
1. One of the following translations of the Bible, preferably in a study edition recommended by the instructor: NRSV, RSV, NAB, NIV, TNIV