

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Monday **6:00-8:30 pm**

BS715 Letters and Theology of Paul

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Course Description

An introduction to the theology and spirituality of the apostle Paul through examination of some of his letters in their particular contexts.

Prerequisites: BS600 and TH601, or permission of the instructor

Course Requirements

Students will be required to read no more than 900 pages and write no more than 15 pages.

1. Reading and study of all assigned texts, which may include a handful of articles.
2. Consistent and intelligent class contributions. (20%)
3. Careful study of the text of each letter, including “manuscript analysis” of a specific focal text each week. Specially formatted texts should be brought to class well marked-up as the basis for discussion, and will be handed in. (20%)
4. A 1,500-word book review of *Phoebe: A Story*. Guidelines will be provided. (20%)
5. One paper of about 3,500 words. This paper may be on an exegetical, social/historical, thematic, or theological/hermeneutical topic in Paul. Topics must be approved by the instructor in advance, and guidelines will be provided. (40%)

Required Texts

1. Michael J. Gorman, *Apostle of the Crucified Lord*, 2nd ed. (Eerdmans, 2017). 978-0802874283. **BE SURE TO BUY THE SECOND EDITION.**
2. Paula Gooder, *Phoebe: A Story*. (InterVarsity, 2018). ISBN: 978-0830852451 (304 pages) A cheaper hardcover edition may be available from Hodder and Stoughton in England: 978-1473669727.
3. One of the following academic study Bibles:
 - a. *The HarperCollins Study Bible* (HarperOne, 2006), ISBN: 978-0060786847 (this is 2nd ed.; the first edition is OK). This is based on the NRSV.
 - b. *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2003), ISBN: 978-0687278329. This is based on the NRSV.
 - c. *The Catholic Study Bible* (Oxford University Press, 2016), ISBN: 978-0190267230 (this is 3rd ed.; earlier editions are OK). This is based on the NABRE.
 - d. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (Oxford University Press, 2018), ISBN: 978-0190276072 (this is the 5th ed.; 2010 earlier editions are OK). This is based on the NRSV.

Note: Students who already own an academic study Bible should consult the instructor before making a purchase.