

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Monday and Thursday, 6 - 9:00 p.m., May 24 – June 28 (no class May 28)

BS/SP755 Spirituality in the New Testament

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Course Description

An exploration of the varieties of spirituality found in the New Testament and their relevance for contemporary Christian life and mission.

Prerequisites: BS600 and BS622 (or equivalents) recommended, but not required

Requirements

Students will be required to read no more than 750 pages and write no more than 18 pages.

1. Careful study of the texts and of Scripture.
2. Consistent and intelligent class contributions based on study of the texts and Scripture. (20%)
3. One one-page discussion starter based on the assigned reading for a particular class session. Copies for all members of the class should be brought to class. (10%)
4. One reflection paper of approximately 1,500 words on either Bonhoeffer, Hogan, or King. (25%)
5. A final research and reflection paper of approximately 3,500 to 4,000 words on one of the following:
 - a. An overview of the spirituality of one book of the New Testament.
 - b. A specific theme in spirituality (e.g., prayer) in one New Testament book.
 - c. A specific theme (e.g., prayer) across several different New Testament books.

Topics must be approved by the instructor in advance. Papers will be due approximately two weeks after the end of the course. (35%)

A short class presentation on the final paper. (10%)

Required Texts

1. Larry W. Hurtado, *At the Origins of Christian Worship: The Context and Character of Earliest Christian Devotion*. Eerdmans, 2000. 978-0802847492. \$16.48; lots of used copies for sale.
2. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship* (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol. 4). Fortress, 2003. 978-0800683245. \$19.10; lots of used copies for sale.
3. Stephen C. Barton, *The Spirituality of the Gospels*. Wipf and Stock, 2006. 978-1597529099. \$22.
4. Laura Reece Hogan, *I Live, No Longer I: Paul's Spirituality of Suffering, Transformation, and Joy*. Wipf and Stock, 2017. 978-1532601071. \$20; some used copies.
5. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*. Fortress, 2010. 978-0800697402. \$13.
6. An approved academic study Bible: *The HarperCollins Study Bible* [2nd ed.] OR *The Catholic Study Bible* [3rd ed.], OR *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* OR *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (4th or 5th ed.) Students who already own a different academic study Bible should consult the instructor before making a purchase.
7. A handful of articles/essays by the instructor.