

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

<u>COURSE NUMBER:</u>	RELI 105
<u>COURSE TITLE:</u>	NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY
<u>SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:</u>	3
<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	Religion
<u>DIVISION:</u>	General Education
<u>PREREQUISTE:</u>	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the New Testament and other early Christian literature in their historical and cultural context.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Be familiar with the entire New Testament and its different literary forms

- Know the arrangement and order of the books of the New Testament.
- Learn the different literary forms.
- Understand the concept of "Canon" and how the New Testament Canon, as we have received it, was formed.

2. Have an over-view of early Christianity or "early Christianities".

- Have some knowledge of early Christian writings which were not included in the New Testament Canon, such as the Didache.
- Gain a basic knowledge of early Christian groups.
- Be able to place these writings in their cultural context.

3. Attain an essential knowledge of the history of early Christianity.

- Have knowledge of Christianity's self-definition with respect to first-century Judaism.
- Know Christianity's relationship to the Roman Empire.
- Have some understanding of how early Christian groups related to each other.

4. Have a basic understanding of the cultural situations of the early Christians.

- Have basic knowledge of the Jewish background from which Christianity emerged.
- Gain basic knowledge of the Hellenistic/Roman society into which it entered.
- Have some understanding of early religions of the Hellenistic world.
- Have some insight into how Christianity was viewed in the Roman Empire.

5. Attain an understanding of the message of Jesus and early Christianity as found in the New Testament and other early Christian writings.

- Be able to define Jesus' message.
- Know early Christian proclamation about Jesus.
- Understand how that proclamation was reflected in their lives.
- Have knowledge of the message of each New Testament author.