Bible IV: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation (WCOS 521)
Duke Divinity School Weekend Course of Study
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Course Description (as provided by GBHEM)
This course focuses on the content and context of these writings, and the theological emphases of their writers. In addition to Acts and Revelation, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Hebrews, James, and 1 John will receive special attention. Students also will articulate a theology of scripture.

Course Objectives (as provided by GBHEM)
• Distinguish these genres of biblical literature, and understand the major theological themes in these writings.
• Faithfully exegete this form of literature.
• Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.
• Articulate the unity and authority of Scripture as a whole.

Required Book Titles & Pre-Reading (as provided by GBHEM)
1. NRSV English Bible: (I would recommend either The New Oxford Annotated Bible or Harper Collins Study Bible)

Recommended Book Title
Michael Gorman, Elements of Biblical Exegesis. ISBN 1565634853

Pre-Work:
• Please submit your written assignments in double-spaced, a 12-point font with one-inch margins and in a .doc or .docx format.

• Please make Text-analysis notes on 5 texts of Acts, Revelation, Romans, 1 Corinthians, and James. For each text, please write 2 pages of text-analysis notes. So you will write 5×2 page papers, totaling 10 pages.

(1) Acts (hard copy due October 31)
(2) 1 Corinthians (hard copy due November 6)
(3) Romans (hard copy due November 7)
(4) James (hard copy due November 13)
(5) Revelations (hard copy due November 14)
For this text-analysis exercise, please follow the following instructions.

a. Needless to say, the most important part of this class is the close reading of the New Testament texts. Thus please read as thoroughly as possible. And at the same time, please read each book in its entirety. Take copious notes on your study bible, underline important part of the passage, and circle significant words in the passage.

b. After you have done the close reading of the texts, outline the book with the major divisions of the book. Please do not copy the division of your study bible or assigned textbooks.

c. Important themes shown in each book: summarize crucial themes discussed in each book.