



FREEDOM PROJECT ACADEMY

Course Syllabus

Bible and Culture

Course Description:

This is a non-sectarian, non-denominational course that moves through the entirety of Scripture. The first semester moves through the Pentateuch into the time of Judges and Kings, concluding with the Babylonian Exile. The second semester picks up with the return of the Israelites from Babylon, moving through the time of Christ and the Apostles. Special attention is given to the literary genres comprising the Bible with an emphasis on the historical, political, philosophical and cultural contexts of these most influential writings.

Major Topics of Study:

Order all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.

Identify the known authors of the biblical books.

Identify the literary genres of the biblical books (e.g., historical narrative, poetic, prophetic).

Chart at least 10 historical events in chronological order from both Testaments.

Describe the cultures of the people groups found in Scripture.

Examine via term papers one passage from both Testaments.

Defend the veracity of Scripture using non-biblical ancient sources.

Text/Required Materials:

Bible

Grading

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

Quizzes – 30%

Exams – 30%

Writing Assignments: Discussion Questions/Papers – 40%

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades:

100-90% A

89-80% B

79-70% C

69-65% D

64-0% F

Any assignments turned in late will receive a zero (Section 6 of the FPA Handbook). Parents and students are encouraged to communicate in a timely manner in case of expected absences and unexpected emergencies to determine a modified schedule.

Attendance/Participation:

Please see FPA Handbook regarding attendance and participation.

Expectations/Guidelines:

There are non-graded weekly readings, due by the end of each week. This course requires a fair amount of reading (in the Bible version of your choice), as we will attempt to read through all (or at least most!) of Scripture. To assist with comprehension and retention, there will also be regular Discussion Questions and Quizzes based on our reading and class discussions. There will also be one midterm and one final exam for both semesters. Lastly, there is one research paper due in both semesters (a rubric will be provided).