BSTH 3143 Y1: Psalms 詩篇

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Class Hours: 12:45-6:35pm

COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION 課程簡介

An introduction to the Psalms and its theology. The main theological themes of the Psalms and the different Psalm types will be studied. Consideration will be given to the Psalms' historical and cultural contexts. The relevance of the Psalms to Christian faith and the life of the church will be examined.

<<詩篇>>是神子民的禱文及詩歌集，當中豐富的神學主題，歷久常新。本課程以介紹研讀希伯來詩歌的各種方法及工具為起點。透過選讀不同的詩篇，幫助學生明白解讀各類<<詩篇>>的原則，並且將所學的真理應用在現代信仰生活之中。

LEARNING OUTCOMES 學習成果

At the end of the course, students should be able to: 讀畢本科，學生可以

1. Know the structure of the books of Psalms and major components of a psalm 知道<<詩篇>>的結構及主要素材
2. Identify the major types of Psalms 分辨<<詩篇>>中不同形式、主題的詩歌
3. Understand useful tools for the study of Psalms 學習使用各種研究<<詩篇>>的工具
4. Expound a selection of Psalms in its historical and cultural context. 按照希伯來民族的歷史與文化背境，忠於原意的解釋課程中選讀的詩篇
5. Demonstrated the use of Psalm in various aspect of Church life so as to enhance one's own faith.

REQUIRED TEXTS 必讀課本
黃天相著 詩情畫意—詩篇研讀技巧. 香港：伯特利神學院, 2018.

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS 推薦閱讀書目

COURSE OUTLINE 課程進度表
Jul 31 Study of the Psalms as a Biblical book/ Useful tools for studies of Psalms
總介、研讀<<詩篇>>的工具
詩篇選讀：智慧詩、創造詩、君王詩
Aug 14 Major Themes: Lament, Imprecatory, Penitential psalms
詩篇選讀：哀歌、詛咒詩、悔罪詩
<<詩篇>>與教會
Aug 28 Major Themes: Liturgical, Praise and Thanksgiving, Torah
詩篇選讀：禮儀詩、讚美感恩詩、律法詩

EVALUATION & ASSIGNMENTS 作業及評核
Book Review 20%
Reflection Paper and presentation 30%
Exegetical paper 50%

1. Book review (20 %) Due on August 7, 2019 書評
Finish reading the required text book and write a 4-5 page review.
完成指定必讀課本並作 4-5 頁的書評，於 8 月 7 日呈交
2. **Reflection paper and presentation (30%) Due on August 21, 2019.** 作業報告
   Write a 6-8 page paper. Be prepared to present and discuss your work in class on August 21. Your paper should include the followings:
   a. A reflection on the use of Psalms in your church tradition. Describe its position in your worship, fellowship and other parts of church activities, and its significance in your faith journey.
   b. Describe what and how would you change the use of Psalms in your tradition.

3. **Exegetical Paper (50%) Due on September 11, 2019 釋經論文**
   Write a 8-10 page research paper on a psalm or a group of psalms. Your paper should include the following elements:
   a. Briefly analyze its structure and possible historical setting,
   b. A detailed exposition of the text, using your analysis described in a.
   c. Theological reflection on the text
   d. Application of the theological insights in our contemporary world.

For proper citation style, consult the Chicago-Style Quick Guide (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the Chicago Manual of Style Online, especially ch. 14. For citing scripture texts, refer to sections 10.46 to 10.51 and 14.253 to 14.254.

**COURSE & INSTRUCTOR POLICIES**

**ATTENDANCE**
Faithful attendance at classes is an important indicator of student maturity and involvement. Class attendance and participation are part of the evaluation of the student and may have a bearing on the final grade for the course.

When a student misses a significant number of classes because of illness, he or she should notify the Dean of Student Life in person or by phone. The student will need to submit a doctor’s certificate upon return. The Dean of Student Life will notify the student’s professors of the reason for the absence and suggest that they take this reason into consideration when grading assignments.

The University College faculty have adopted the following guidelines to define student responsibilities in this matter and to assist the student in developing a disciplined life:

**Attendance Policy:**
Absence from 1-week intensive courses (five days per week) and weekend courses (five consecutive Wednesdays):
As a result of the intensive nature of the 1-week and weekend courses, attendance in each class is a requirement for these types of courses.
Any unexcused absence from an intensive course indicates that a student has chosen not to complete the course, and a grade of “F” will be assigned.
1 absence: Students may be granted one excused absence for legitimate reasons, including personal illness, injury or death in the immediate family. Students are responsible to report to the instructor the reason for all absences.
2 absences or more: Students who are absent because of extended illness or injury (verified by a doctor’s certificate) are eligible to apply through the Academic Standards Committee for permission to complete the subject.

The above policy should be considered as being in effect unless the instructor indicates otherwise at the beginning of the semester. Instructors have the prerogative of instituting their own attendance policies for individual courses.

COMMUNICATION & COURSE WEBPAGE
Email
Students must use their myTyndale email accounts for all course-related email correspondence.

Classes.Tyndale.ca (Moodle)
Students are required to check the Classes.Tyndale.ca course page on a regular basis for updates regarding classes as well as any materials required for participating in lectures and completing assignments. Readings may be posted on the course page at classes.tyndale.ca. Students are also required to respect the university’s copyright policy and not post works that infringe copyright on the course webpage. For more information on the “Fair Dealing Policy”, see http://libguides.tyndale.ca/fair.

Commuter Hotline
Class cancellations due to inclement weather or illness will be announced/posted on the commuter hotline at 416-226-6620 ext. 2187.

COURSEWORK

Submitting Assignments & Late Policy
Assignments
Major assignments will be specified at the beginning of a semester in the course syllabus, so that students can organize their time effectively. All essays and other written assignments shall be written at the university level as far as grammar, style and structure are concerned. When this is not the case, instructors shall:

1. Comment in writing on the deficient parts of the essay or other written assignment;
2. Recommend that the student get help from the Centre for Academic Excellence; and
3. Lower the grade in proportion to the seriousness of the deficiency.
Research papers for University College courses should conform to the style requested by the professor. A summary of the three standard forms is found on The Centre for Academic Excellence webpage: www.tyndale.ca/academic-excellence.

Students are required to keep backup copies of all assignments submitted.

**Electronic Submission**
1. For courses where electronic submission of assignments is required, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the instructor has received the assignment by the established due date and to ensure that the assignment submitted is the complete and correct version.
2. Any student may be requested to submit papers in electronic form to facilitate the professor’s routine checks for academic fraud.

**Late Assignments**
Assignments should be submitted on the due date in order to receive full credit. The penalty for unexcused late assignments will be determined by the following scale:

1. For each day or part thereof late, the instructor will reduce the assigned grade by one-third of a letter; e.g., “A” to “A−,” “B+” to “B.” Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are excluded from the reckoning.
2. The above policy should be considered as being in effect unless the instructor indicates otherwise at the beginning of the semester in the syllabus. Instructors have the prerogative of implementing their own late assignment policies for individual courses.
3. Excessively late assignments may receive no credit and result in failure. In some subjects, no late assignments will be accepted for credit, and this will be communicated to the students at the beginning of the course.

**Extensions on Assignments**
No instructor may grant extensions on any assignments, nor accept assignments after the final day of exams in the fall or winter semesters. Students requiring extension must follow the procedures outlined below.
Penalties for late assignments and attendance expectations will be stipulated in each course syllabus. The following procedure will be followed for students requesting extensions:

1. If a student is not able to complete all assignments within a course by the last day of exams, the student may appeal to the Registrar for an extension. Such an appeal should be made in writing using a form available from the Office of the Registrar or online at www.tyndale.ca/registrar/forms.
2. Extensions will be granted by the Registrar only in cases where the student was clearly prevented from completing the assignments by circumstances beyond his or her control (e.g., hospitalization, illness documented by a note from a doctor, etc.). Extensions are not granted for what best could be described as “poor time management” or “over involvement” in an extracurricular activity.
3. If a student is unsure if he or she has a valid reason to appeal, the student may wish to discuss the matter with the Registrar.
4. If an extension or grade of “incomplete” is granted by the Registrar, all work for the course will be due with a new deadline. Once an “incomplete” is granted, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor and make satisfactory arrangements to complete the outstanding work.
5. Failure to submit assignments by the deadline will result in failing grades (a grade of “F”) on those assignments, and the final grades on courses will be calculated accordingly.
6. The decision of the Registrar may be appealed in writing to the Academic Standards Committee. The Academic Standards Committee will respond in writing to the student and provide a copy of the decision to the various parties. The decision of the Academic Standards Committee is final.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Laptops/Electronics

Electronics Policy:
Professors have the right to prohibit the use in class of some or all electronic communication devices. Students who require electronic devices (such as laptop computers) because of officially documented disabilities will be exempted from such prohibitions.

Recording
We respect the privacy rights of all our students and instructors, therefore, all voice and video recording require consent of everyone involved in class.

TYNDALE POLICIES & RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Academic Integrity 學術誠信

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors, using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment, improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism.

Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to apply consequences for academic dishonesty. Students are advised to consult the Academic Calendar http://www.tyndale.ca/registrar/calendar for more information on this policy and its application to their work in this course.

The Centre for Academic Excellence

Tyndale’s Centre for Academic Excellence has been established to help students achieve their full potential as learners. The Centre consists of Writing and Tutoring Services, Accessibility Services, and Academic Advising. These areas have been designed to work in tandem, guiding students toward academic success through an integrative, supportive network of skilled advisors. The Centre for Academic Excellence is committed to the success, support, and academic flourishing of its students. Students at all levels of ability can profit from the Centre’s free services by booking one-on-one sessions, attending workshops and group study sessions, and accessing resources both online and at the Centre.
Academic Tutoring
Friendly, knowledgeable tutors are available to help UC students in free one-on-one sessions in multiple areas of study. Tutors can assist students with any of the following:

- Mastering course material
- Sharpening note-taking and research skills
- Refining study and test-taking skills

According to student need, tutors will also host group study sessions for selected courses. For further details visit the Centre for Academic Excellence website or contact academictutoring@tyndale.ca.

Writing Consultation
The Centre offers a comprehensive program of writing support to students regardless of skill level or area of study. Writing Consultants can assist at any stage of the writing process, including the following:

- Starting an assignment
- Organizing and outlining ideas
- Learning to edit
- Refreshing grammar skills
- Documenting sources
- Refining style

Students may also bring essays that have been graded to identify patterns and improve their skills. For more information, please contact Writing and Tutoring Services by email at writing@tyndale.ca or academictutoring@tyndale.ca, or by phone at 416.226.6620 ext. 2179.

Accessibility Services
The Accessibility Services Office supports students who have permanent and temporary disabilities. Services such as academic accommodations, learning strategies, and assistive technology training are provided to support students in meeting their academic demands while managing their disabilities functional limitations.

Accessibility Services strives to create a safe and comfortable environment for students by providing services that respect their dignity, encourage independence and promote full participation throughout their academic career at Tyndale. Students experiencing difficulties in their learning and academic performance due to the functional limitations of their disability are encouraged to book a confidential appointment with the Accessibility Specialist.

- **New students** must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services.
- **Current students** must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

For more information, please contact the Accessibility Services Office at accessibilityservices@tyndale.ca, 416.226.6620 ext. 2189.
Advising Services

Advising Services is available to students at any stage of their academic program. Students can approach Advising Services with questions related to their program of choice, advice on selecting the correct program or courses, guidance on how to balance their workload, or suggestions on how to implement an academic plan. Students can also speak to Advising Services to understand their learning style and how it can best serve their academic experience. At any point in the semester, Advising Services may contact students for progress meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to understand how a student is progressing during the semester, identify any challenges that might be affecting their performance, and refer students to support services at Tyndale. Advising Services has a close relationship with faculty and may intervene and provide assistance to students on a faculty member’s recommendation.

Midterm progress reports are administered at the halfway point in the fall and winter semesters. Faculty will release midterm grades to Advising Services and in conjunction with the Office of the Registrar, students will be informed of their progress, if appropriate. It is understood that midterm progress meetings are mandatory for any students who are contacted.

For more information on Advising Services or to arrange an appointment, contact schuah@tyndale.ca, 416.226.6620 ext 6745.

Tyndale Grading System & Scale

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Course Bibliography 附加書目


Other Resources: 其他教材

