

LONG BEACH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MTI
(Nondenominational School of Ministry)
COURSE SYLLABUS— HERMENEUTICS – THY 315
Spring 2026| FOURTEEN-WEEK Course | January 12 – April 13, 2026

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Class: Mondays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Meeting Type: Lecture

All Zoom Classes:

- Zoom link will be emailed to registered students

Title: Hermeneutics - Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation, 3rd Edition
Author: Henry A. Virkler and Karelynn Gerber Ayayo, 2023
ISBN: 978-1-5409-6407-6

Title: The Holy Bible

Recommended Text:

Handouts will be provided.

Virtual Lecture Class Format: This class is designed for students with access to a computer and the internet. The course is a virtual (Zoom) classroom format. In this online teaching and learning environment, teachers and students can present and view course materials, lessons, and engage and interact with one another. Each class will consist of prayer, lectures, readings, presentations, and possibly guest speakers.

Course Description: HERMENEUTICS – THY 315 (14-Week Course)

A thorough study and preparation for exegesis and exposition of the Scriptures.

Prerequisite: None

Course Objectives:

1. To familiarize the student with the science of interpretation as it relates to biblical text.
2. To emphasize the principles of exegesis, particularly the interpretation of Scripture, considering its historical, grammatical, and theological context.
3. Understand the characteristics of a good interpreter of Scripture.
4. Defend a position on whether a passage of Scripture can have only one or multiple meanings.
5. Apply an exegetical and hermeneutical process in the interpretation of the Biblical text.
6. To think critically about the truths of the Scriptures in their historical context, and how they relate to today's culture.

7. To promote a commitment to lifelong study of the Word of God and its impact on areas of life, by reflective self-analysis through personal experience and critical thinking in developing individual values.
8. To understand the major divisions (i.e., gospels, epistles, apocalyptic literature), origins, authorships, and design of each book in the Bible, and God's moving in and through individuals.

Course Requirements:

- Readings: Must read the required text.
- Reflections: Reflection papers are required from each section of the text and/or class presentations of the material covered. All papers are to be two (2) pages, typed, and double-spaced. Reflection papers are to be emailed to the professor before each class.
- Research Papers: Students are required to write two (2) research papers. Research papers must be 7-10 pages, excluding the cover sheet and the bibliography, and the subject is to be on any aspect covered in the course. The APA writing style is to be used to format quotations and bibliography. The paper must be double-spaced, in 12-point font, with 1-inch margins.

Weekly Assignments/Lectures:

- The instructor will provide this information during class.
- The instructor reserves the right to make changes to assignments/lectures or the course schedule as he sees fit.

Holidays for this Class:

- Jan 19: MLK Holiday (No class)
- Feb 16: Presidents' Day Holiday (No Class)

MID-TERM: February 23, 2026*

FINALS: April 13, 2026*

Last Day of Class: April 13, 2026

Student Honesty | Plagiarism Statement: Plagiarism (intellectual theft) is seen as a shameful act and is not acceptable at LBBC. Each member of the academic community must do their own work. In essence, be careful when using another writer or speaker's material (work). Give credit!

Attendance: Regular attendance is required and necessary to achieve success in this class. Students are expected to arrive at 7:00 pm and stay until the end of class. Each student is responsible for contacting the instructor regarding any attendance matters.

Refunds and Withdrawals: Refunds to students will be determined by the date the Notice of Withdrawal is processed through the website.

Withdrawal Deadline

- The deadline for withdrawing from classes is at the end of the first week of the class.
- Failure to submit a timely withdrawal request can result in an 'Incomplete' grade on the transcript.
- Failure to submit the required Notice of Withdrawal email before the deadline will result in the student remaining **academically and financially responsible for the class.**

Refund Policy

- 100% refund for payments made before or during week one (1) of Class.
 - 0% refund - for payments made during and beyond week two (2) of class.
- NOTE:** Students who drop a class after the second week will be charged full tuition for the class.
- Students may seek approval to transfer a percentage of paid tuition to a class they will take the following semester, but approval is not guaranteed.

Expectations:

1. Students must perform college-level work.
2. Work must contain the student's name, date, and be submitted on time.
3. You must include your enrollment name in the subject of your emails and on your work.
4. Read the required text as assigned—come prepared for class.
5. Bring the appropriate class materials, respect fellow students, and refrain from bringing food or drink to virtual class sessions (bottled water is okay).
6. You may be asked to speak (impromptu).
7. Have a well-lighted and quiet setting with your **CAMERA ON** for "Remote/Virtual" class.

Grading will be based on the following:

Class Attendance/Participation: 10%
Homework/Reading Assignments: 15%
Written and Oral Presentations, and
Reflection Papers: 20%
Mid-Term Examination* (Research) 25%
Final Examination* (Research) 30%

***The Mid-term and Final exam assignments must be completed outside of the 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. instructional time.**

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