



### **ATS-Faithlife Graduate Diploma in New Testament (Online)**

“Ashland Seminary is proud to partner with Faithlife, developers of Logos Bible Software, in the creation of a graduate diploma that can be pursued entirely from a distance and that uses the Logos Bible Software program and library as an integrated learning environment. The five courses that constitute this graduate diploma are true Masters-level courses offered by Ashland Seminary and can be used toward a Masters degree at Ashland. Whether you are simply interested in deepening your knowledge of the New Testament, its world, and its skillful interpretation, or in getting a head start on a possible Masters program, this graduate diploma provides an excellent opportunity for you to move forward with internationally-renowned faculty and the most advanced Bible software and integrated research library program available.” David deSilva, Ph.D., Program Director

#### **About**

The GDNT consists of five (5) Masters-level courses: (1) Engaging Texts and Contexts; (2) New Testament Introduction; (3) Encountering Scripture Beyond Translations; (4) and (5) Two elective courses.

**(1) Engaging Texts and Contexts** is Ashland Seminary’s signature course on the theology of the Bible as Scripture and on basic approaches to interpretation. In the 2015-2016 academic year, this course is offered as part of the normal online course offerings of the seminary, led by Dr. Terence Mournet. Students will engage the material through lectures, online discussions, readings, and written work.

**(2) New Testament Introduction** provides a solid foundation in the content, contexts, and challenge of the New Testament texts as well as its interpretation. This course incorporates two Mobile Ed course modules – “Introducing the New Testament: Its Structure and Story” (NT 101) and “The Cultural World of the New Testament” (NT 201) – as well as readings, discussion groups, webinars, and written assessments. Dr. Russell Morton will facilitate students’ learning for this course.

**(3) Encountering Scripture Beyond Translations** is designed principally to assist students of the Bible close the gap between the English translation and the meaning of the original Hebrew or Greek text. Students will be introduced to the various philosophies of Bible translation, the essential features of the Hebrew and Greek languages, and the tools and procedures for investigating the meaning of the biblical text *behind* the English translation. In the 2015-2016 academic year, this course occurs within the normal cycle of the seminary’s online offerings. Dr. David Baker and Dr. David deSilva will lead students toward attaining the learning outcomes through presentations, online discussion, webinars, readings, and written assessments.

**(4) and (5) Two Electives** give students opportunities to study particular topics of greater interest to them in greater depth. These are all taught using the Logos Bible Software and Library Package as an essential platform and venue for instruction and learning, also incorporating particular Mobile Education modules.

1. Fall 2015: **Life and Literature Between the Testaments** (with Dr. David deSilva)
2. Summer 2016: **Romans** (with Dr. Russell Morton)
3. Fall 2016: **Gospel of Matthew** (with Dr. Terence Mournet)



4. Spring 2017: **Letter to the Hebrews** (with Dr. David deSilva).

**Projected Schedule** (Fall 2015)

- **New Testament Introduction**
- **Life and Literature Between the Testaments**

While Mobile Ed components can be available upon registration, the group discussion and webinar facets of these courses will begin on October 3.

Spring 2016

- **Engaging Texts and Contexts**
- **Encountering Scripture Beyond Translations**

Summer 2016

- **Romans**

Fall 2016

- **The Gospel of Matthew**
- **Engaging Texts and Contexts**

Spring 2017

- **The Letter to the Hebrews**
- **Encountering Scripture Beyond Translations**

**Faculty**

- David W. Baker (Ph.D., University of London)
- David A. deSilva (Ph.D., Emory University)
- Russell S. Morton (Th.D., Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)
- Terence C. Mournet (Ph.D., University of Durham)

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