

BT720 DISSERTATION LECTURE AND DEFENSE

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| Course: | BT720 Dissertation Lecture and Defense |
| Credit: | 3 credit hours |
| Semester: | TBA |
| Date: | TBA |
| Time: | TBA |
| Place: | Microsoft Teams |
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DESCRIPTION

The Ph.D. candidate will give a one hour lecture of his Ph.D. dissertation at Calvary University at a set time determined by the Ph.D. Director and agreed to by the Ph.D. candidate. The Ph.D. candidate will then defend his dissertation. The Ph.D. faculty will then have one hour to ask questions about the dissertation. The Ph.D. faculty will assign a grade for the lecture and defense of the dissertation and this will be the grade for BT720.

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student will:

- 1. Prepare for a one hour lecture of his/her Ph.D. dissertation with a Powerpoint presentation (PLO 5; A 1)**
- 2. Present a one hour lecture of his/her Ph.D. dissertation to the Ph.D. faculty, Ph.D. students and others at a special event to be held on the campus of Calvary University (PLO 5; A 1)**
- 3. Defend his/her dissertation as the Ph.D. faculty will ask questions about the dissertation after the lecture (PLO 5; A2)**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James Version (NKJV), or King James Version (KJV). Other translations like NLT and NIV may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have any questions about a particular translation or version.

REQUIRED: ORIGINAL LANGUAGE BIBLE STUDY SOFTWARE (Accordance, Bible Works, Logos)

Students are required to have digital resources to engage Biblical study in the original languages, including but not limited to *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS)*, *Nestle Aland 28 (NA28)* – both including critical apparatus; *Septuaginta (LXX)*, *a Greek Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (BDAG)* by Bauer, Danker, Arndt, and Gingrich; *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (HALOT)* by Koehler and Baumgartner.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment #1: Present a one hour lecture on the dissertation to Ph.D. faculty and students at Calvary University. Post your dissertation and Powerpoint slides in Canvas (500 points)

Assignment #2: Defend the dissertation in a one hour question/answer session with Ph.D. faculty at Calvary University (500 points)

GRADING SCALE

860-1000 points **Pass**

0-859 points **Fail**

HELP FOR STUDENTS

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Academic Accommodations Coordinator (accommodations@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu), located in the library building, is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all PhD students.

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS

Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (F) grade and he or she will be ported to the Ph.D. director as well as the academic dean.

All Ph.D. dissertations must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition.