



# ERSKINE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## SPRING TERM 2025 (ThM LEVEL)



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### BI 803 (G'ville & Online) New Testament Backgrounds & Theology

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This course examines the literary and historical backgrounds, history of interpretation, and theology of the New Testament. The purpose of the course is to orient the student to the central issues in contemporary New Testament studies. This course provides the historical and theological tools for advanced New Testament interpretation.

### TH 800 (DW & Online) Becoming a Christian Scholar

Tuesday - Thursday (Intensive): 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: January 21 - 23,  
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This course provides advanced guidance on the tasks of choosing a research topic, conducting theological research, using technology in research, analyzing and articulating one's findings, and writing academic-level theological papers or theses. Student research and writing is approached from a Christian perspective.



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### HT 801 (COL & Online) Seminar in Historical Studies: Presbyterian History & Polity

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/5; in-person and live video conference for distance students

This seminar will examine the biblical roots and historical development of Presbyterian church government in the Christian Church. Special focus will be placed upon its emergence in John Calvin's Geneva, the Scottish Reformation, and the Westminster Assembly of the 1640s in England as background for its various formations in North America.



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### **BI 801 (Online) Seminar in Biblical Studies: Isaiah** Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 1/27, 2/17, 3/10, 4/7; live video conference only

This course uses a study of Isaiah to illustrate current academic issues in the Old Testament. These include the relationship between the Old Testament and the use of fictional language and concepts over against a strictly scientific outlook, the problem of the formation of the biblical books over time, the difference between the theology of a particular book and our systematized creeds and confessions, and how the New Testament uses the Old. The course orients the student to central issues in contemporary Old Testament studies as they are discovered in Isaiah.



Jim Belcher, Research Professor of Historical and Pastoral Theology  
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### **ST 801 (G'ville & Online) Seminar in Theological Studies: Calvin's Political & Social Philosophy**

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m: 2/3, 2/24, 3/17, 4/28; in-person and live video conference for distance students

In this seminar, students will explore the connections between theology, politics, and society in the political and social thought of John Calvin. While Calvin remains a polarizing figure in some circles, his thought had a profound impact on Western political theory, particularly the founding of America, and continues to have relevance today, speaking to our modern search for self, community, and freedom. In the end, students will uncover the enduring relevance of Calvin's ideas, gaining valuable insights for their own scholarly pursuits and lifelong learning in ministry.