MN 564: Theological and Biblical Research
1 Credit
Course Description

Students learn research and reading techniques that will help them succeed in Seminary. At the completion of the course, students will be able to use research tools such as the library catalog and *ATLA Religion Database* to create a bibliography in Turabian (University of Chicago) format on a topic relevant to their Seminary education and they will become familiar with biblical reference tools. Students also learn how to analyze academic texts for relevance to their topic.

Course Objectives

Students will learn to:

1. Navigate the library catalog, *ATLA Religion Database*, and a variety of electronic and print sources to find information on a topic relevant to their Seminary education.
2. Analyze academic texts for relevance to a research topic.
3. Compile a bibliography in Turabian (University of Chicago) format
4. Navigate biblical reference works, such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and commentaries.

No prerequisite

Required text:

Vyhmeister, Nancy Jean. Your Guide to Writing Quality Research Papers: For Students of Religion and Theology. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.

Optional:

Turabian, Kate. A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers. 9th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018.