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Masters COURSE SYLLABUS

OT 6455 Exegesis of Malachi

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COURSE DATES

COURSE DATES: Online Course Work – June 1– July 10
In person meeting during Hybrid Week July 13 – July 17
(1pm – 4pm)

COURSE OVERVIEW

DESCRIPTION:

This course is an examination of the book of Malachi in its theological, exegetical, and historical significance with particular emphasis placed on covenant theology and the history of interpretation.

GOALS:

- To familiarize students with the biblical text of Malachi
- To introduce students to the history of interpretation of Malachi

COURSE DETAILS

1. GRADING SCHEDULE

Late work will be penalized 1 letter grade per day unless prior permission for late submission was granted.

The published RTS grading scale is used in this course. See the latest Catalog.

2. DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may become necessary.

3. SUPPORT

Canvas allows you to interact with the Professor or his teaching assistant via the Inbox function.

Canvas also allows for interaction with classmates. You can interact with classmates via the Student to Student forum or Conferences.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

READING

1. Required Reading

A. Hebrew Track

1. Read Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi in Hebrew
2. One Approved Commentary on Malachi of your Choosing (Choose between – Anchor Bible, McCominskey, NICOT, Zondervan Exegetical)

B. English Track

1. Read Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi in Translation
2. One Approved Commentary on Malachi of your Choosing (Choose between – Anchor Bible, McCominskey, NICOT, Zondervan Exegetical)
3. Jonathan Gibson, *Covenant Continuity and Fidelity: A Study of Inner-Biblical Allusion and Exegesis in Malachi* (The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)
4. Gordon Hugenberger, *Marriage as a Covenant: Biblical Law and Ethics as Developed from Malachi* (Biblical Studies Library)

Additional Reading Will Be Required for the Papers Below

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Six 350-word papers – Students will write a paper on an exegetical issue in each of the six disputations (**See Schedule Below**) – **50% of Final Grade**

2. Fifteen Minute Presentation – Each student will give an in-class presentation during Hybrid Week. Students will be assigned a day and disputation after the course commences. – **10% of Final Grade – Dude Hybrid Week**

3. Final Paper

Each student must write a six to eight page paper double-spaced (including footnotes but not bibliography) on an exegetical or textual topic of their choosing. Students in the Hebrew track will write an exegetical paper. – **30% of Final Grade – DUE August 14, 2026 (11:59 PM Eastern)**

4. Successful Completion of Reading – 10% of Final Grade – DUE August 14, 2026 (11:59 PM Eastern)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Asynchronous work:

Week 1 – (350 Word Paper #1) – Superscription and Disputation 1: Malachi 1:1-5 – Due June 5 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Week 2 – (350 Word Paper #2) Disputation 2: Malachi 1:6-2:9 – Due June 12 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Week 3 – (350 Word Paper #3) Disputation 3: Malachi 2:10-16 – Due June 19 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Week 4 – (350 Word Paper #4) Disputation 4: Malachi 2:17-3:5 – Due June 26 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Week 5 – (350 Word Paper #5) Disputation 5: Malachi 3:6-12 – Due July 3 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Week 6 – (350 Word Paper #6) Disputation 6 and Conclusion: Malachi 3:13-4:6 – Due July 10 (11:59 pm Eastern Time)

Hybrid Week:

Class will consist of a combination of lecture, discussion and student presentations.

Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

Course: Exegesis of Malachi

Professor: Reid

Campus: Orlando

Date: Summer 2026

<u>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</u>		<u>Rubric</u>	<u>Mini-Justification</u>
<p><i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None 	
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Strong	Numerous written and oral assignments
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	Focus on a book of the Bible
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Strong	Malachi deals with covenants
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Moderate	Application
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Moderate	Application
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Modest	Respectful engagement with other viewpoints

Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Strong	Class presentations and exegetical skills
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	Strong	The text deals with matters of worship
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	Minimal	All Scripture is profitable
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Minimal	The course is not designed to focus on these matters