

# FRESHMAN THEOLOGY SYLLABUS

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*“Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed for incoming freshmen that may or may not have had Bible teachings in the past. During the first two terms the stories of Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) are studied so that the student can understand the salvation history of the Israelite people. The third term takes the student to the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) to see the fruition of salvation history through the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

## **COURSE CONTENT:**

TERM I: Beginning the study of Hebrew Scriptures

- What are the Hebrew Scriptures?
- Literary forms
- Truth

In the Beginning

- Creation stories, Adam and Eve
- Noah, the flood
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the Patriarchs
- Joseph

Journey toward the Promised Land

- Moses
- Exodus

Term Project: where am I with God?

TERM II: Journey toward the Promised Land and New Testament

National Growth

- Judges, including sin cycle
- Kings—Saul, David, Solomon
- Prophets

The New Testament

- Looking at the four Gospels
- Who is Jesus?

Term Project: Group drama activity

TERM III: The New Testament (cont.)

- What do the Gospels say about Jesus?
- The Acts of the Apostles, the Early Church
- What is Christianity?

- The Epistles of Paul

Term Project: Where do I go from here?

### **GRADING SCALE:**

As published in the Mercyhurst Preparatory School handbook

### **TECHNOLOGY QUOTIENT:**

Beginning with the class of 2007, each graduating student will have achieved a minimum technology quotient of 3.5 on a 5.0 scale. This TQ will be a quantitative assessment of the technological competency accumulated throughout the student's tenure at MPS. This TQ achievement will be reflected in the student's personal Technology Accomplishment portfolio. The portfolio will be a cross-curriculum collection of technology enabled work projects.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **1. Supplies:**

- Book: *The Catholic Youth Bible* from St. Mary's Press (available at the MPS bookstore)
- Notebook (with space for journal)
- College ruled notebook paper
- Blue or black pen
- Markers
- Glue stick

#### **2. Grading Scale:**

There will be assignments, tests, and projects. All will be graded on a total points system.

**Late assignments will be accepted. However, assignments late one day will receive half credit. Assignments turned in after the third day will receive a 0.**

*\*\*\*If absent, it is your responsibility to obtain the missing assignments or notes on the MPS homework website.*

#### **3. Integrity Policy:**

- It is expected that you will exhibit respect for everyone in the classroom in both word and action.
- Cheating on tests or assignments will not be tolerated. No credit will be given for the assignment and detention will be issued.

#### **4. Written work:** Students should keep a copy of all computer generated work in their server folder at MPS; they should also keep a hard copy of all other work/tests/quizzes until the final grade is posted. In the event of a missing or lost assignment, the burden of proof rests with the students. You must give the assignment to your instructor personally. Do not leave work on teacher's desk or give to a student to turn in to the teacher.

#### **5. Make-up tests, extra help, and personal conferences:**

These will be completed between 3:00 and 4:00 on any day by appointment.

*\*\*\*If you are in need of prayer or would just like to talk, you can reach me in room 204-B every day at 3:00 or you can e-mail me at [smoore@mplslakers.com](mailto:smoore@mplslakers.com).*

#### **6. Classroom Rules:**

- Students will be prepared for and on time for class.

- The dress code will be enforced.
- No food or drink, except plain water, is allowed in the classroom
- No gum. It's school policy.
- No extra credit work will be given or accepted