BN9034W Acts

This unit will examine the Book of Acts in terms of its literary structure, theology, and the social and cultural contexts of its narratives and characters. Hermeneutical approaches will thus include narrative, rhetorical, socio-cultural and political methods. Students will be encouraged to read Acts with an inter-cultural awareness of the first century world and of their own cultural context.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Apply exegetical methods to the text of Acts;
2. Describe the narrative structure and literary features of Acts;
3. Interpret selected texts illustrative of the distinctive character of the book of Acts;
4. Analyse and describe the theology of the Acts of the Apostles (christology, pneumatology, eschatology, ecclesiology, missiology);
5. Give a coherent account of the social, cultural and political context of Acts; and

Prerequisites: BN8001W Interpreting the New Testament or equivalent) or
BN8701W Interpreting the New Testament (Online), or equivalent

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
One critical review (1,500 words) (20%)
One seminar/tutorial paper (1,500 words) (30%)
One exegetical essay (3,000 words) (50%)

Faculty: Oh-Young Kwon

Offered: 2015: Semester 2 (Also available online – see BN9734W)

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase