



ACTS: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (BIB 115)

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Tuesday: 7 PM – 8:30PM – *Room 302, Reach Church, 294 Old Mamaroneck Rd., White Plains NY 10605*

I. RBI MISSION

RBI strives to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and passion to effectively serve in ministry, promote spiritual growth, and spread the transformative message of the Gospel to the world.

II. COURSE PURPOSE

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Preparation for and attendance at classes.** Biblical sections and textbook chapters for each class are to be read prior to class. Please keep the instructor informed of illness or other issues affecting your participation.
- **Reading of the book of Acts.** You will be reading the entire book of Acts for this course. The revelation God has inspired and given to us is most important. Read consistently to stay with the material presented in class.
- **Reading of the “Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers” textbook.** You will be reading the entire “Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers” textbook for this course. This text will offer basic introductory and explanatory material. Read consistently to stay with the material presented in class. You will typically read 1 chapter a week unless we are covering two sessions in one class period.
- **A final examination.** The test will be administered on December 10th.
- **Class participation.**

IV. CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES:

This course addresses the following competencies directly:

1. **Biblical Exposition:** by preparing students to understand, interpret, and communicate the Bible accurately.
2. **Christian and Theological Heritage:** by reminding students of the heritage of interpretation of the New Testament.
3. **Discipleship Making:** by modeling the principles of discipleship through classroom behavior.

4. **Interpersonal Skills:** through interaction among students in the class and in small group activities.
5. **Servant Leadership:** by modeling and reflecting the attitude of Christ in the life of a disciple.
6. **Spiritual and Character Formation:** through discussion and modeling of spiritual disciplines as a normal part of class discussion and activity.

V. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul and examined as the background for his epistles.

VI. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Be able to articulate the purpose and message of the book of Acts
- Know the major people and events of Acts.
- Become familiar with the historical, cultural, and geographical context of Acts.
- Become acquainted with essential revelation about the Holy Spirit's nature and character in the book of Acts.
- Develop an understanding of the development of the Holy Spirit's relationship with man and the Church throughout the book of Acts.
- Be able to discuss the major theological themes of the book of Acts.
- Identify the major historical events surrounding the Holy Spirit and the formation of the church.
- Prepare them for further study, especially for teaching and preaching out of the book of Acts

VII. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

Class sessions will consist of presentations overviewing units of study followed by general discussion. Readings and lectures are central to covering the knowledge base needed for the course.

Students are **REQUIRED** to read their weekly chapter assignments to prepare them for participation in the classroom. Small group discussions allow for student interaction with the material presented. Multimedia technology will be incorporated into classroom activity to enhance the learning process.

The combination of reading, lectures, multimedia, class discussions, and small groups should help build appreciation for sound understanding of the Biblical material to be covered.

Class preparation will consist of student manual readings according to the syllabus schedule, execution of written assignments, etc.

VIII. REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Study Bible: any modern committee translation, such as RSV, NRSV, NIV, NKJV, ESV
- Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (3rd Edition) Global University

IX. Schedule: All classes will begin promptly at 7 pm

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024

Understanding Acts ----- Session 1

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

From the Resurrection to Pentecost ----- Session 2

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024

The Holy Spirit Is Poured Out ----- Session 3

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

The Birth of the Church ----- Session 4

Tuesday, October 1st, 2024

Peter and John Heal a Lame Man ----- Session 5

The Growth of the Church ----- Session 6

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

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Tuesday, October 15th, 2024

Stephen: What Good Can Come of Trouble? ----- Session 7

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024

Scattered Seed: The Church Expands ----- Session 8

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024

The Acts of the Apostles ----- Session 9

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024

The First Missionary Journey ----- Session 10

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

The Second Missionary Journey ----- Session 11

Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

Paul's Third Missionary Journey ----- Session 12

Tuesday, November 26th, 2024

NO CLASS DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

Paul's Journey to Rome ----- Session 13

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024

FINAL EXAM

BASIC STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Registration at Global University requires adherence to the university's standards of academic integrity. Many of these standards may be intuitively understood and cannot in any case be listed exhaustively; the following examples represent some basic types of behavior that are unacceptable:

1. Cheating: (a) using unauthorized notes, aids, or information when taking an examination; (b) submitting work done by someone else as your own; (c) copying or paraphrasing someone else's essays, projects, or other work and submitting it as your own.

2. Plagiarizing: submitting someone else's work and claiming it as your own or neglecting to give appropriate documentation when using any kind of reference materials. Plagiarism, whether purposeful or unintentional, includes copying or paraphrasing materials from the study guide, textbook, someone else's writing, or any other source (published or unpublished). Any words, thoughts, or ideas taken from any other source must be properly documented according to the Global University Undergraduate Form and Style Guide.

3. Fabricating: falsifying or inventing any information, data, or citation.

4. Obtaining an unfair advantage: (a) stealing, reproducing, circulating, or otherwise gaining access to examination materials prior to the time authorized by the instructor or examination supervisor; (b) unauthorized collaborating on an academic assignment; (c) retaining, possessing, using, or circulating previously given examination materials where those materials clearly indicate they are to be returned to the examination supervisor or to the Global University offices at the conclusion of the examination.

Disciplinary action for not maintaining basic standards of academic integrity may range from lowering a grade for a paper to dismissal from the program, depending on the severity of the offense.

Code of Conduct:

Global University is a Christian educational institution aiming to, among other things, equip students to fulfill God's calling on their lives.

Christian conduct is therefore an expected norm. While Global University reaches many cultures around the world, it is understood that some practices acceptable in one culture may not be acceptable in another. As Christians we look to the Scripture to guide our conduct.

Therefore, students are expected to conduct themselves according to biblical principles of behavior.

Examples of such principles are found in **Romans 12:9–21**; **Galatians 5:22–23**; and **Ephesians 4:1–3, 25–32**.

The Code of Conduct also applies to verbal and written communication with Global University representatives, faculty, staff, and students.

Furthermore, it extends to all electronic communication, including threaded discussions and e-mail with faculty and students.

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.