General Description
Paul's letters to the Corinthian believers are characterized by their blunt practicality, insightful personal glimpses, and forceful appeals. The nature of the letters is quite different from Romans that is more theological treatise than personal letter. 1 and 2 Corinthians provide helpful insights into the situation of the first century church. The letters are truly occasional in nature. Here we find Christians wrestling with the application of their faith in a pagan society, including the consideration of such issues as spiritual gifts, marriage, worship, human conflicts and many others.

Specific Objectives
The specific objectives of the course are as follows:
1. To become familiar with the background of the epistles, both historical and literary, and the letters' place within the canon.
2. To become proficient in a method of examining each of the assigned texts.
3. To examine the apostle Paul's background.
4. To discover the theological emphases of the epistles.
5. To discern the specific situations, problems, and admonitions related by Paul.
6. To relate the principles given by Paul to daily life.

Textbooks
Required:
ISBN: 0-8308-1228-8

ISBN: 0-8028-2507-9

ISBN: 0-943575-94-x
Course Requirements
The emphasis of the course will be on the proper interpretation and application of the biblical text. As such, the most appropriate form of response from the student in this setting is to write and submit papers indicating good exegesis and interpretation of the text. From this basis application to the present environment can be made.

Students will write and submit two six-page papers and complete a final exam.

A model paper will be presented by the instructor on the first class period. Conformity to the model given in class is essential to excellent performance in the class.

Students will be expected to read assigned portions of each textbook and keep a journal of personal response/reflection on what is read.

Student Evaluation
Grades will be assigned as follows:
| Two Six Page Papers: | 35% |
| Final Exam:         | 35% |
| Journal of Reflections: | 15% |
| Reading of Textbooks: | 15% |