

**Old Testament Studies I**  
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**Old Testament Studies I, OT 1021**

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**Class Hours 2**

**Course Purpose:**

The purpose of this course is to give students knowledge of the overall content of the Old Testament books from Genesis to Ruth including the major events, characters and teaching.

**Course Objectives:**

1. The student will know the introduction to and the background of the Old Testament.
2. The student will know the basic content of the books studied.
3. The student should learn how to interpret and apply the teaching and events of this portion of the Old Testament.

**Required Text:**

Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, *ENCOUNTERING THE OLD TESTAMENT, A CHRISTIAN SURVEY*, Baker Books, Grand Rapids: 1999

A Translation of the Scriptures

**Recommended Texts:**

1. R. K. Harrison, *Introduction to The Old Testament*, Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids: 1975
2. Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology, Old and New Testaments* Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids: 1975

### **Course Requirements:**

1. Reading assignments in the text book
2. Reading assignments in the Bible
3. Writing 3-5 page papers assigned by the Professor
4. Writing a 15-20 page paper on a topic in this section of the Old Testament. All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page
5. All course materials must be submitted to the respective professors at the end of the semester, which is the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) week grace period the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript

### **BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS**

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped on letter grade

### **Course Grading:**

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| 1. Minor Papers | 20% |
| 2. Exams        | 60% |
| 3. Major Paper  | 20% |

## **Class Schedule**

### **September**

- 13 Introduction
- 20 Genesis 1-3
- 27 Genesis 4-11

### **October**

- 4 Genesis 12-50
- 11 Exam
- 18 Spring Break
- 25 Exodus

### **November**

- 1 Leviticus-Numbers
- 8 Deuteronomy
- 15 Joshua
- 22 Judges
- 29 Ruth

### **December**

- 6 Overview
- 13 Final Exam

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