

**Old Testament Studies III  
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**OT 1023 Old Testament Studies III, OT**  
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**Course Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the content and flow of the Old Testament as demonstrated by special persons and events.

**Course Objectives**

1. The student will know the background of each book in the Poets and Prophets.
2. The student will know the main character(s) and major events of each book.
3. The student will know the distinctive message of each of the Prophets and how it relates to the other Prophets.
4. The student will know the various subjects addressed in the Poets.
5. The student will be able to develop a lesson plan to teach the Poets and Prophets.

**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

### **Collateral Texts**

R. K. Harrison, *Introduction to the Old Testament*, Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., ISBN 0802531079

Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology, Old and New Testaments*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., ISBN 0802812090

### **Course Requirements**

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter.
2. Completion of reading assignments on time.
2. Completion of reading assignments in the Scriptures.
3. An exam will be given after the Major Prophets, Minor Prophets and the Poets.
4. Writing a curriculum and outline for the purpose of teaching a survey of the Prophets and Poets. The length of this project is a minimum of 15 to 20 pages. This paper must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page.

### **Course Grading**

1. Exams                      50%
2. Major Paper              50%
3. All course materials must be submitted to the respective professors at the end of the semester, which is the last 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 period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

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

NOTE: 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 OUTLINE**

**January**      25<sup>th</sup>    Introduction to the Prophets

### **February**

1      Isaiah  
8      Jeremiah\Lamentations  
15     Ezekiel  
22     Daniel

### **March**

1      Hosea, Joel and Amos  
8      Obadiah, Jonah and Micah  
15     Spring Break: No Class  
22     Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah  
29     Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi

### **April**

5      Job and Psalm  
12     Proverbs  
19     Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon  
26     Last Class

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