Old Testament Introductory Courses

**OT1151 Introductory Biblical Hebrew MoTuThFr 1:00-1:50pm**
A systematic introduction to Hebrew grammar, with emphasis on reading selected portions of the Hebrew Bible. This course is the first part of a yearlong course. The two semesters are designed to be taken in immediate sequence. If the sequence is interrupted, a placement examination must be passed before the second semester is begun.

- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Section A - Ms. Lapsley; Section B - Mr. Rainey

**OT1152 Introductory Biblical Hebrew—Summer**
An introduction to the elements of classical Hebrew grammar, with an emphasis on reading the Hebrew Bible. Standard reference works for biblical exegesis will be presented.

- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- 6 credits.

Summer, 2013; Ms. Kristin Helms

**OT1153 Hebrew Translation Tu 2:00-2:50pm**
Designed to enable students to acquire and maintain proficiency in the reading of biblical Hebrew. Some grammar and vocabulary review will be offered as needed.

- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- Pass/D/Fail.
- Prerequisite: OT1152 or permission of the instructor.
- 1 credit.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Ryan Armstrong

**OT2101 Orientation to Old Testament Studies MoTuTh10:30-11:20am plus precept, see below.**
An introduction to selected perspectives of the Old Testament through lectures, preceptorial group study, and directed reading in the Old Testament itself and in secondary literature.

- Required of M.Div. and M.A. candidates in their first year of study. Not open to Th.M. or Ph.D. candidates.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Lapsley and Mr. Olson

Precepts: A- Th1:00-1:50pm; B-2:00-2:50pm C-3:00-3:50pm; D -4:00-4:50 pm; E–Fr8:30-9:20am; F-Fr 9:30-10:20am; G-Fr 9:30-10:20 am; H- Fr10:30-11:20am; I-Fr10:30-11:20am
General Electives and Theme Courses (courses that do not fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement)

**OT/TH3216 Revelation and Biblical Interpretation in a Postmodern World Mo 2-4:50pm**
This course provides a constructive exploration of the doctrine of revelation and biblical interpretation in the light of postmodern challenges to meaning and truth and post-Holocaust questions about the reality of God. Focusing on particular biblical texts, the course explores diverse approaches to biblical meaning, both historical and contemporary, with a view toward appropriating those meanings today. Students consider the changing nature of religious life today and how to formulate a viable approach to theology and biblical interpretation for the twenty-first century.

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: OT2101 and TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester 2013-2014: Mr. Dobbs-Allsopp and Mr. Johnson

English Exegesis courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement

**OT3303 The World of the Old Testament Mo8:30-10:20am; We8:30-9:20am**
This course will focus on the political, social, and cultural world that served as the background of the Old Testament. To this end, topics of discussion will include the political history of the broader ancient Near East of which Israel and Judah were a part, archaeological evidence that may shed light on the everyday lives of the ancient Israelites, and what Hebrew and other ancient Near Eastern inscriptions and literature may contribute to our understanding of the Old Testament world.

- This course fulfills the department's "close reading of the text" requirement.
- Prerequisite: OT 2101.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Dewrell.

**OT3330 Interpretation of Job (English) Tu 8:30-10:20; Th 8:30-9:20am**
This is a course on the interpretation of the book of Job. It will include close reading of selected portions of the book as well as consideration of the broader literary, theological, and ethical issues. Some attention will be given to the consequences of the text in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, English literature, visual arts, and music.

- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Seow

Language Exegesis courses that fulfill “close reading of the text” requirement.

**OT3400 Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis MoTuTh 1:00-1:50pm**
Introduction to the methods and resources of Hebrew exegesis, through study of selected passages from a variety of biblical material including narratives, legal materials, prophets,
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psalms, and wisdom literature. The practice of critical exegesis will be combined with concern for the use of Old Testament scriptures for theology and ministry.

- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisite: OT1152.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Seow

**OT3410 Exegesis of Jeremiah**

**We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am**

This course will look at the Book of Jeremiah with a special emphasis on the portrayal of Jeremiah as a prophetic figure situated in a period of political crisis and intrigue for ancient Judea. Other themes that will be explored include: sin and redemption, explanations for tragedy and horror, and determining the "truth" in the midst of conflicting truth claims. Prerequisite: OT2101. Fall 2013-14. Mr. Rainey.

- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: OT2101, OT1152.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Rainey

**OT3464 Hebrew Poetry**

**Th9:30-11:20am; Fr 9:30-10:20am**

This course is intended to serve as a general introduction to Hebrew poetry. It does so first through a formal curriculum composed of a series of lectures on selected topics in Hebrew prosody and readings of specific Hebrew poems (with attendant secondary literature), and secondly through an independent course of directed study determined by the student in consultation with the instructor.

- This course fulfills the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisite: OT1152 and OT2101.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Dobbs-Allsopp

Advanced Electives (courses that do not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements)

**OT5010 Accelerated Hebrew Reading**

**Tu 8:30-10:20am; Th 8:30-9:20am**

A reading course designed for graduate students and others who desire to gain proficiency in the reading of Hebrew prose and Hebrew poetry. The materials covered vary from term to term, providing exposure to texts of different genres and levels of difficulty.

- Prerequisite: a middle-level course in Hebrew or Hebrew exegesis. Course may be repeated.
- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Dewrell

PhD Seminars

**OT9020 Biblical Theology I (Old Testament)**

**Th 2:00-4:50pm**

The seminar will focus on the problematics of Old Testament theology in light of the
methodological challenges of post-Enlightenment historical consciousness and critical historical approaches to Old Testament traditions and Israel’s faith. Emphasis upon the history of research as well as on contemporary proposals. 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Olson

**OT9001 Readings in West Semitic** TBA

Designed to enable doctoral students to maintain proficiency in the reading of the various ancient West Semitic dialects (other than biblical Hebrew) of the Levant (e.g., Ugaritic, Aramaic, Phoenician). Reading topics will be announced each semester and various members of the Old Testament faculty will undertake joint responsibility for organizing and leading the course. Open to qualified M.Div. and Th.M. students with permission of the instructors. The course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements. S/U or Pass/D/Fail only. 1 credit.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Staff

**OT9090 Old Testament Research Colloquium** Fr 1:00-2:50pm

Set to meet six times over two semesters, this graduate seminar will provide participants with opportunities to explore various aspects of Old Testament research through papers, prepared responses, and discussions. The goal of the seminar is to foster scholarly research and discourse that is creative, rigorous, and collegial. Yearlong course. 2 credits, one credit each semester. S/U only.
Fall and Spring Semesters, 2013–2014; Staff

**NT/OT9095 Issues and Methods** Fr 1:00-2:50pm

Set to meet five times during the academic year, this seminar offers doctoral candidates introductions to the history of research, critical issues, and contemporary questions in the literature of the Bible, which are covered over a period of two years. S/U only. 2 credits, one credit each semester.
Fall and Spring Semesters, 2013–2014; Staff