

## **BS621 Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Bible**

### **Overall Goal**

This course will serve as an introduction to theological concepts found in the Torah, Prophets, and Writings, as well as their historical and social contexts, with consideration of critical methodology and major themes.

### **Reading Requirements**

Students should expect to read *at most* 1000 pages of required reading from the list of required texts below. Required readings will also include a few supplementary articles that will be supplied by the professor.

### **Writing Requirements**

Students should expect to write *at most* 25 double-spaced pages. Graded writing assignments will include the following:

1. Final exegesis paper, 12-14 pages (20%)
2. Three short-reading response papers, 2-3 pages each (15%)

### **Other**

In addition to reading and writing, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded learning activities:

1. Four quizzes (15%)
2. In-class midterm exam (15%)
3. Take-home final exam (20%)
4. Class participation (15%)

### **Required Texts:**

Birch, Bruce C, Walter Brueggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. 2d ed. Nashville: Abingdon, 2005. ISBN: 978-0687066766

Coogan, Michael D. *A Brief Introduction to the Old Testament*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-19-533272-8

A study Bible (preferably the New Oxford Annotated Bible). ISBN: 0195289552, or Harper Collins Study Bible. ISBN: 0060786841