

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
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Monday

6:00-8:30 pm

BS621 Literature & Theology of the Hebrew Bible

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Course Description

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. The goal of the course is to help students become familiar with contents of the Hebrew Bible, to read the text critically, and to engage thoughtfully with theological themes in the Hebrew Bible.

Course Requirements

- Students should expect to read *at most* 1000 pages of required reading from the required texts below. In addition to the Collins text, the required readings will also include readings from the Bible and supplementary articles that will be supplied by the professor.
- Students should expect to write *at most* 25 double-spaced pages. Graded writing assignments will include the following:
 1. Final Exegesis paper – 12-15 pages (25%)
 2. 3 Short exegetical exercises – 2-3 pages each (30% total)
- In addition to reading and writing, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded learning activities:
 1. 4 Quizzes (15% total)
 2. Midterm (20%)
 3. Attendance and Participation (10%)

Required texts

- Collins, John J. *A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014. [ISBN: 978-1-4514-7294-3].
- A study Bible A study Bible (Two good options include: the New Oxford Annotated Bible ISBN: 0195289552, or Harper Collins Study Bible ISBN: 0060786841).
- Articles to be assigned.