

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute**  
**Fall 2020**

**Class Day & Time: Monday, 6:00 pm**

**Course Name & Number: BS621 Literature & Theology of the Hebrew Bible**

**Instructor: Dr. Katherine Brown**

**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 texts critically, and to engage thoughtfully with theological themes in the Hebrew Bible and their ethical implications for contemporary Christian practice.

**Required Texts:**

Michael D. Coogan, Cynthia R. Chapman: *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures* (4th Edition). Oxford University Press (2017).

ISBN 978-0190608651

*Note:* earlier editions of the Coogan textbook may be available; please contact instructor for guidance about using an earlier rather than the fourth edition.

ONE of the following academic study Bibles:

- A. *The HarperCollins Study Bible* (HarperOne, 2006), ISBN: 978-0060786847 (this is 2nd ed.; the first edition is OK). This is based on the NRSV.
- B. *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2003), ISBN: 978-0687278329. This is based on the NRSV.
- C. *The Catholic Study Bible* (Oxford University Press, 2016), ISBN: 978-0190267230 (this is 3rd ed.; earlier editions are OK). This is based on the NABRE.
- D. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (Oxford University Press, 2010), ISBN: 978-0190276072 (5<sup>th</sup> ed.; earlier editions are okay).

*Note:* If a student already owns a different academic study Bible, he or she can petition the instructor for permission to use that Bible instead. The exemption is entirely at the prerogative of the course instructor granting that exemption.