

COS 411 Syllabus**Hebrew Bible II**

United Theological Seminary

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Course Description

A continuation of the examination of the Word of God as it is expressed through some of Israel's prophets, selected Psalms, classical Wisdom and the book of Job.

Course Objectives

1. A focus on the biblical message as a whole by integrating this year's study with previous study of the Bible
2. Gain greater familiarity with a number of the great passages in the designated books.
3. Continuation of exegetical practice.
4. Exploration of the assigned passages as relevant for preaching, mission, and ministry by today's pastor and congregation.

Course Textbooks

NRSV Study Bible

Gowan, Donald. *Theology of the Prophetic Books: The Death and Resurrection of Israel*. Louisville: WJK Press, 2002.

Brueggemann, Walter. *The Psalms and the Life of Faith*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005.

Perdue, Leo. *Wisdom Literature: A Theological History*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007.

Course Requirements

In-Class Instruction

1. Assigned Reading
2. Class Participation

Online Instruction

1. Two postings per week on the assigned text
2. Two substantive responses per week to another person's post

Course Schedule

In Class Instruction: June 19-20, 2015

June 19

Section 1: 2:30-3:45

Assignment Reading: Gowan, pp. 1-77
Amos

1. Introduction to Exegesis
2. What is prophecy?
3. Amos

Section 2: 4:00-5:00

Assigned Reading: Gowan, pp. 77-142
Jeremiah
Deuteronomy 17
2 Kings 22-23

Topic: Jeremiah

Section 3: 6:00-8:00

Assigned Reading: Gowan, pp. 144-87
Isaiah 40-66

Topic: Second Isaiah

June 20, 2015

Section 1: 8:30-9:45

Assigned Reading: Perdue, pp. 1-14, 37-76
Proverbs 1-9

1. What is Wisdom?
2. Proverbs 1-9

Section 2: 10:00-11:15

Assigned Reading: Perdue, pp. 77-135
Job

Topic: Job

Section 3: 1:00-2:15

Assigned Reading: Brueggemann, pp. 1-32, 33-66
Psalms 1, 2, 13, 22, 23, 30, 93-99

Topic: Psalms

Online Instruction: June 22-

Week 1 (June 22-27)

Exegesis of Amos 7-9 The Visions of Amos

Week 2 (June 29-July 4)

Exegesis of Jeremiah 7-10

Week 3 (July 6-11)

Exegesis of Isaiah 40

Week 4 (July 13-18)

Exegesis of Proverbs 8

Week 5 (July 20-25)

Exegesis of Psalm 9-10, 37, 77