



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BSCM2310-30: Old Testament Survey

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The mission of Leavell College of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is **Mission Focus**: *“We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local Church and its ministries.”*

Course Description

The purpose of Old Testament Survey is to prepare the student for more intensive studies in the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed upon gaining an overview of the Old Testament through a survey of geographical and historical backgrounds and a book-by-book study. Attention is given to the structure of each biblical book, significant interpretative problems, and major theological themes. *This course is a prerequisite to all Old Testament Interpretation courses.*

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of the Old Testament;
 2. be able to identify the key issues in the critical study of the Old Testament;
 3. demonstrate the purpose and message of each book of the Old Testament;
 4. be able to show the significance of the Old Testament as the foundation for the New Testament; and
 5. be able to discuss the meaning of Old Testament truths for contemporary living.
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Course Texts

The Bible (NASB, KJV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, HCSB, or NLT)

Hill, Andrew E., and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (Hereafter referred to as HW)

Optional Resource: Smith, Marsha A. Ellis, ed. *Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps, and Reconstructions*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1993.

Course Requirements and Grading

- 1. CLASS PARTICIPATION.** Attendance in class is a necessary part of instruction in this course. Students are allowed a maximum of nine hours of absences during the semester. Each class meeting is 1 1/2 hours. Three tardies count as one absence. In accordance with seminary policy, the student will receive an automatic "F" when he/she exceeds nine absences.
- 2. READING ASSIGNMENTS.** Students are required to read the entire Old Testament (following the course schedule) and the assigned chapters in HW. *To receive full credit, the assigned readings must be completed NO LATER THAN the assigned date on the schedule.* As they complete the daily reading assignments, students should complete the Reading Log attached to this syllabus. For the Bible reading, students may listen to an audio recording of the OT.
- 3. READING QUIZZES.** Students will take weekly quizzes to be given at the beginning of class. The questions will address the reading assignments from HW and the OT Scripture. Makeup quizzes will not be given; however, a select number of quizzes will be dropped.
- 4. EXAMS.** Two sectional exams and the final exam will be given. The sectional exams will cover only that unit's material. The final will be comprehensive.
- 5. MAKEUP EXAMS.** Students are responsible for arranging to take makeup exams when the exam has been missed. The student should contact the instructor or the LC office prior to the exam when he or she has a valid excuse. Therefore, if the student knows that he or she is going to miss a scheduled exam, he or she must (1) notify the instructor or the LC office prior to the exam and (2) have a valid excuse for missing the exam. If these two conditions are not met, the student will automatically incur an eight-point penalty on the makeup exam (the highest attainable score will be a 92). In all cases, students must take the makeup exam within one week of the scheduled exam that was missed.
- 6. Course Evaluation**

Mid-Terms	40% (20% each)
Final	30%
Reading	15%
Quizzes/participation	15%

NOBTS Grading Scale

A	93-100	D	70-76
B	85-92	F	69 or below
C	77-84		

Course Outline Schedule/Exams

*(Note: readings are DUE and should be complete on the date listed)

Jan. 21	Introduction to the Course; Torah and Tanak HW pp.19-42
Jan. 28	HW ch.1; OT: Genesis-Exodus 10
Feb.4	HW pp.145-165; OT: Exodus 20- Leviticus
Feb. 11	OT: Deuteronomy
Feb. 18	Mid-Term Exam #1 (first hour of class) OT: Joshua, Judges,Ruth
Feb. 25	HW 7; OT: 1&2 Samuel
Mar. 3	OT: 1&2 Kings
Mar. 10	OT: 1&2 Chronicles
Mar. 17	Spring Break
Mar. 24	HW 16; OT: Ezra through Song of Solomon (*reading of Psalms discussed in class)
Mar.31	Mid-Term Exam #2 (first hour of class) OT: Isaiah
Apr. 7	HW 22; OT: Jeremiah, Lamentations
Apr. 14	OT: Ezekiel, Daniel
Apr. 21	OT: Hosea through Malachi
Apr. 28	Putting it all together
May 5	FINAL EXAM

Additional Course Information

Blackboard sites

Special instructions

Plagiarism

Computer/Phone usage policy

If you have any questions about Blackboard, SelfServe, or ITC services, please access the ITC page on our website: www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

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