OLD TESTAMENT

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Courses
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OTST500
(2-3)
Survey of the Old Testament
An introductory survey of the history, literature, and backgrounds of the Old Testament for
students who have not had such a course on the college level.

OTST570
(2-3)
Readings in the Old Testament (English)
Covers selected books/passages of the Old Testament, based primarily on the English text
with reference to the Hebrew/Aramaic original, normally offered off campus for the MA Min.
students and others who have not taken Hebrew.
Not applicable for MDiv credit. Repeatable.

OTST607
(2-3)
Practicing the Old Testament
An advanced preaching course focusing on the
analysis of the types of Old Testament literature
and special themes found in selected passages.
Identical to CHMN607.

OTST640
(2-3)
The Old Testament and Its Translations
A non-technical survey of the text transmission
from antiquity to the present. The terminology and
particularities of recent Hebrew Bible editions.
Examination in various modern translations of
Old Testament passages of textual and theological
interest.

OTST659
(2-3)
Studies in Old Testament Issues
A study of selected issues such as the formation
of the Old Testament canon, questions of
introduction, historicity of Genesis 1-11, Messianism,
and Old Testament eschatology. Repeatable.

OTST682
(3)
Textual Criticism
Detailed comparative textual examination of
challenging Old Testament passages involving the
ancient versions and Qumran, using both text
editions and manuscripts. Repeatable.
Prerequisites: OTST654, OTST660, additional languages as
needed. Admission by permission of instructor.

THEOLOGY

OTST520
(2-3)
Theology of the Old Testament
Distinctive theological concepts of selected books
and major theological themes of the whole Old
Testament from the perspective of Christian faith.

OTST620
(2-3)
Seminar in Old Testament Theology
Selected aspects of Old Testament theology, such
as the nature and function of Old Testament
theology, the method of Old Testament theology,
and the development of major theological themes.
Repeatable.

OTST627
(2-3)
Jewish Life and Thought
An introduction to Jewish beliefs and theology,
liturgy and festivals, and thinking and philosophy
as they illuminate approaches to the Bible and
Hebrew customs.

OTST835
(3)
Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures
The theology of an individual book or block of
books in 1 of the 3 divisions of the Hebrew canon:
Torah (Pentateuch), Prophets, and Writings.
Content announced in advance. Repeatable.

OTST845
(3)
Methodology in Biblical Theology
The development of biblical theology from the
Reformation to the present with special attention
to current methodologies.

OTST945
(3)
Seminar in Biblical Theology
Major theological themes and thought patterns of
the Bible with special attention to such subjects as
the unity of the Bible, the relation between the
Testaments, and Biblical authority. Identical to
NTST945.

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

OTST510
(2-3)
Archaeology and the Bible
The assembling of archaeological and ancient
textual material which, interpreted from the
philosophical viewpoint of the Bible, emphasizes
the accuracy and authenticity of the Scriptures. A
study of cultures, customs, languages, and rituals
that throw light on the statements of God's Word.

OTST514
(2-3)
Bible Lands and Their Explorations
Countries of the Bible and archaeological
explorations carried out in them during the past
150 years; the geographical setting of Bible
history; the background, rise, and progress of
biblical archaeology; methods employed by
archaeologists in using material excavated and
found in the Near East.

OTST604
(2-3)
History of the Ancient Near East
An introduction to the history of the Ancient Near
East up to the time of Alexander the Great. Topics
alternate between the history of Egypt and the
history of Mesopotamia. Emphasis on the
intersection with biblical history. Students may
take each topic once.
OTST605  Seminar in Old Testament History  (2-3)  
Individual research on specific problems for advanced students in Old Testament history. Prerequisite: OTST635 or OTST604 or equivalent. Repeatable.

OTST614  Archaeology of Palestine  (2-3)  
An introduction to the principles, methods, and results of archaeological research in Palestine, especially in how they impact biblical studies.

OTST615  Seminar in Archaeology and History of Antiquity  (2-3)  
The archaeology and historical discoveries and problems related to the Old Testament. Repeatable. Prerequisite: OTST510 or 514 or equivalent and OTST614 or equivalent.

OTST630  Archaeological Field Work  (1-8)  
In connection with the Andrews-sponsored archaeological expeditions, qualified students obtain practical training in archaeological field work by assisting in the supervising of excavations, drawing, registering, reading of pottery, and kindred work. Repeatable to 12 credits.

OTST635  History of Israel  (2-3)  
An introduction to the history of Israel in the pre-monarchial, monarchial, and post-monarchial periods.

OTST638  Archaeology in Evangelism  (2-3)  
An introduction to the use of archaeology in evangelistic settings. Field projects are observed and presented by students. Prerequisites: OTST510 and CHMN615.

OTST660  Readings in the Septuagint  (2-3)  
Reading of selected texts in the Septuagint and learning how to use the apparatus in the standard editions of the Septuagint. Prerequisite: NTST552 and OTST552 or their equivalent.

OTST665  Principles of Hermeneutics  (2-3)  
An examination of hermeneutical presuppositions and formulation of sound principles of biblical interpretation with application to selected texts.

OTST690  Independent Study  (1-3)  
Individual research work on specific problems for students who have completed basic courses in Old Testament. Content announced in advance. Prerequisite: A thorough knowledge of basic biblical languages.

OTST691  Directed Reading in Old Testament Studies  (1-6)  
Independent reading in selected subjects. Repeatable.

OTST700  Seminar in Classical Jewish Literature  (2-3)  
Readings in classical religious texts of Judaism. Sources include liturgical, Hellenistic, Rabbinic, and Medieval texts. Required languages vary according to the subject matter. Identical to NTST626.

OTST710  Seminar in Advanced Old Testament Exegesis  (2-3)  
Exegesis of selected passages in the Old Testament. Content announced in advance. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Biblical Hebrew III and at least one Hebrew exegesis course with a grade of A.

OTST890  Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern Languages  (2-3)  
Study of the essentials of grammar and syntax (with some reference to biblical Hebrew) coordinated with reading and analysis of a substantial part of the Aramaic portions of the Bible. Prerequisite: OTST552 or its equivalent.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

OTST625  Biblical Hebrew I  (2-3)  
The reading of substantial portions of various types of prose and poetry in the Hebrew Bible, with attention to matters of syntax. Prerequisite: OTST551 and 552 or their equivalent. Repeatable.

OTST628  Principles and Methods of OT Exegesis  (2-3)  
Introduction to the Masoretic text (Masora, accents, apparatus) and to the various methods and tools of exegesis; provides basic training in applying the exegetical work to selected passages of the Hebrew Bible.

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OTST645  History of Israel  (2-3)  
An introduction to the history of Israel in the pre-monarchial, monarchial, and post-monarchial periods.

OTST650  Archaeology of Palestine  (2-3)  
An introduction to the principles, methods, and results of archaeological research in Palestine, especially in how they impact biblical studies.

OTST655  Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern Languages  (2-3)  
A study of Ancient Near Eastern languages and/or texts not offered in other courses. Repeatable.

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Independent reading in selected subjects. Repeatable.