

BS621 Literature & Theology of the Hebrew Bible

Instructor	Dr. Katherine Brown
Schedule	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
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.
Requirements	Reading: Approximately 750 pages textbook and articles on Canvas, in addition to readings from study Bible.
	Writing: 2 discussion board reflections (1.5 pages each) on assigned articles; 2 short exegetical papers (3-4 pages each); 1 final paper (12-15 pages) for a total of 25 pages.
	Other Assignments: Pre-class homework (open-book Canvas 'quiz'); Mid-term exam; class presentation of reflection on assigned articles.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
Michael D. Coogan, Cynthia R. Chapman: <i>The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures</i> (4th Edition). Oxford University Press (2017).	978-0190608651	\$77	527
ONE of the following academic study Bibles:			
- <i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2018) [NRSV Translation]	978-0190276089	\$23	
- <i>The HarperCollins Study Bible</i> (HarperOne, 2006) [NRSV Translation]	978-0060786847	\$25	
- <i>The New Interpreter's Study Bible</i> (Abingdon Press, 2003) [NRSV Translation]	978-0687278329	\$23	
- <i>The Catholic Study Bible</i> (Oxford University Press, 2016) [NABRE Translation]	978-0190267230	\$32	