UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2013
Instructor: Brian Sigmon
Course #: THEO 2000
Sections: 101, 102
Course Title: Hebrew Scriptures: Old Testament Overview

Description:

This course offers an introduction to the body of texts known as the (Hebrew) Bible or Old Testament, through a study of selected books and the historical milieu in which they were written. In addition to presenting an overview of the texts and basic narrative found within the Hebrew Scriptures, the course will also examine the history of ancient Israel as a necessary background for understanding the literature that emerged from it.

The course will also teach and encourage techniques for reading and interpreting these texts, which originate in a time and place quite different from our own. It is hoped that studying this literature will prove fruitful, as the scriptures of Israel have much to teach us about meaningful human relationships in all facets of life—with other people, with our world, and with a God who is at once mysterious and yet deeply intimate with creation.