

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Dempsey, Deirdre
Course #: THEO 2010
Sections: 901/101 (Honors/Majors)
Course Title: **OT/Hebrew Bible Selected Books**
Course Sub-Title: **The Prophets**

Description:

This class is Honors Program/Majors Only. It will fulfill the second level Theology requirement incumbent upon all Marquette University students, including Honors Program students. For the Majors, it fulfills one of the Scripture requirements; it should be taken if the major has taken or is planning on taking the New Testament Survey course as his/her other Scripture requirement.

The class begins with a survey of most the classical prophets of the Old Testament: Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Zechariah, Jonah, Malachi. The focus of the class is on the **vocation** of the prophet: how is the prophet called, what is his response to his calling, what are some of the similarities and differences among the prophets, in terms of the consequences of their calls. In the second part of the class, we examine some writings that have been termed “prophetic,” to assess the appropriateness of this designation. So, for example, Martin Luther King’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” is often termed “prophetic”: is it, given what we know of the OT prophets? Pope John Paul II’s “Gospel of Life” has also been called “prophetic” – do you agree, in light of what you know of the biblical prophets?

Three papers are required in this class; in addition, we’ll have a series of quizzes.

Required texts:

- All material is available on D2L.