

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Thomas Anderson, SJ
Course #: THEO 2010
Section: 103
Course Title: **Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament Selected Books**
Course Sub-Title: **the Prophets**

Description:

Prophets speak the word of God, go after injustice, cry out to God on behalf of the marginalized, and discern God's actions in the world. This course will examine the nature of prophecy and explore the prophetic tradition in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. We will study both texts related to prophecy in the books of Samuel and Kings and survey the prophetic books in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. Particular attention will be given to an exegetical analysis of selected texts from the books of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and some of the "Minor Prophets", focusing on historical context, literary approaches, and theological meanings then and now.

Required texts:

- New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version.

- or

- The HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books.

Optional texts:

- Matthews, Victor H. *Social World of the Hebrew Prophets*.