

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**

Instructor: Anthony Briggman

Course #: THEO 2010

Section: 103

Course Title: **Hebrew Scriptures: Old Testament Selected Books**

Course Sub-Title (if applicable): Prophets

Description:

THEO 2010 is a second level theology course that counts toward the theology major; it considers the Hebrew prophets and the writings attributed to them in the Hebrew Scriptures / Old Testament. We will focus upon the 15 prophetic books (the 3 major, and 12 minor prophets) of the Old Testament, while also touching upon the non-literary prophets Nathan, Elijah, and Elisha. Discussions of these texts will center on their meaning and significance in their original context, as well as their contemporary importance. A high emphasis will be placed on student participation in these class discussions.

Required texts:

Michael D. Coogan. *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures*. New York / Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. ISBN-10: 0195139119; ISBN-13: 978-0195139112.

John Laurance, S.J., (ed.). *Introduction to Theology*. Second Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson, 2008.

Victor H. Matthews. *Social World of the Hebrew Prophets*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2001. ISBN: 1565634179; ISBN-13: 978-1565634176.

Optional texts:

Michael D. Coogan (ed.), et al. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha, New Revised Standard Version*. Third Edition. USA: Oxford University Press, 2007. ISBN-10: 0195288807; ISBN-13: 978-0195288803.

Abraham J. Heschel. *The Prophets*. Hendrickson, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1598561814.