

Department of Theology

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Thomas S. Anderson, S.J.
Course #: THEO 6110
Course Title: **Old Testament Method**

Content:

This course will survey the books, authors, themes, and history of the Old Testament. Using a variety of analytical tools, we will learn how to interpret the biblical text, its historical contexts, diverse literary forms, and religious ideas.

Format:

The course format is a combination of lecture, presentations, discussion and reflection.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Eight one-page discussion papers.
- One longer exegesis paper. Paper topic will be determined in consultation with course instructor
- One cumulative exam.

Language Pre-requisites:

- None. M.A. Students will be expected to consult and utilize relevant sources in either French or German in the preparation of their exegesis paper.

Required Texts:

- Bible - New Revised Standard Version in one of the following publications: *New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version* or *The HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*.

Optional texts:

- Haynes, Stephen R. and Steven L. McKenzie, eds. *To Each Its Own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Criticisms and their Application*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster/John Knox, 1993.