

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey
Course #: THEO 2010
Section: 101
Course Title: **Hebrew Scriptures: Old Testament Selected Books**
Course Sub-Title: The Prophets

Description:

This is a Manresa course – which means that some of the course is devoted to the topic of vocation, “calling.” About half of the semester will be given over to a look at the Prophets of the Hebrew Bible: Elijah, Elisha, but most especially those prophets who have books named after them – Isaiah, for example, Amos, Hosea, Jonah. There are 15 of these books, ascribed to various prophets. After a look at these, we’ll look at some contemporary writings that are often termed “prophetic” – Pope John Paul II’s encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, for example, and talks given by Archbishop Oscar Romero – with an eye to discerning how closely they follow the model of prophet discerned in the biblical texts. There will be several quizzes in this class; a midterm; a final; two short writing assignments.

Required texts:

- TBA

Optional texts:

- NA