

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Thomas Anderson, S.J.
Course #: THEO 2010
Section: 102
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:

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

or

- New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version.

Optional texts:

- Matthews, Victor H. Social World of the Hebrew Prophets. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 2007.