

NUMBERING OF COURSES

The first digit in the course number indicates the departments in which the course is offered. Old Testament courses are designated by numbers in the 100s, New Testament courses are in the 200s, Theology courses are in the 300s, Historical Theology courses in the 400s, Practical Theology courses in the 500s, and numbers in the 700s are assigned to graduate level seminars.

The second digit in the course number of required courses indicates the year during his training—first, second, third, or fourth—in which a man would take the course when he is following the normal curriculum.

The third digit in the course number indicates the semester during which the course is offered: odd numbers are assigned to courses offered during the first semester; even numbers indicate courses offered during the second semester. The even/odd numbering of the third digit is followed only for required courses, not electives.

OLD TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

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The goal of the Old Testament Department is to provide the student with the necessary tools for interpreting the Old Testament correctly. To accomplish this, four facets of Old Testament study are stressed. First, since the Old Testament was essentially written in Hebrew, a major emphasis is placed on Hebrew grammar. Second, instruction is given in the historical and cultural background of the Old Testament. Third, attention is given to enabling the student to acquire knowledge of the content of each book of the Old Testament. These facets equip the student to do precise exegesis, and they also provide impetus for the proper application of truth. Consequently, the fourth facet pertains to preparing the student to preach expositively from the Old Testament.

Master of Divinity Required Courses

110 Old Testament Introduction

A study of general introduction. This includes a study of the Old Testament text and canon, archaeology, chronology, history, religion, and theology. The intent of this course is to provide the student with a historical and theological foundation for further Old Testament studies.

2 hours

111 Pentateuch

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament. This includes an examination of their authorship, date, unity, and canonical status. Emphasis is also placed upon the unifying motif of the Pentateuch, the creation account, the flood, the origin of the nation of Israel, its religious institution, and the unfolding of its history under Moses.

2 hours

112 Old Testament Poetic Books

A study of the key elements of Hebrew poetry, the argument of the Book of Job, key Psalms

as they relate to their literary genre, the Book of Proverbs as it relates to skillful living, the message of Ecclesiastes, an interpretation of the Song of Solomon, and the Book of Lamentations.

2 hours

121 Elementary Hebrew Grammar

A study of the essential elements of biblical Hebrew grammar. The intent of this course is to focus on the basic principles of Hebrew phonology, morphology, syntax, and vocabulary.

4 hours

122 Elementary Hebrew Grammar

A continuation of the study of elementary Hebrew grammar. This course reinforces and expands on this with emphasis being placed on reading selected portions of the Hebrew Bible. A minimum grade of "C" in 121 is a prerequisite for 122.

4 hours

123 Old Testament Historical Books

A synthetic handling of the Old Testament Historical Books beginning with Joshua and the conquest and ending with the postexilic period of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Items such as an author's overall purpose and the basic flow of the biblical material as well as historical, theological, and textual problems are covered.

2 hours

124 Old Testament Prophets

A study of the Old Testament prophetic literature, including a consideration of Israelite prophetism within the ancient near eastern milieu. Emphasis is given to the theme and argument of each prophetic book as well as key theological issues. The student is made aware of the important literature pertaining to this portion of Scripture.

2 hours

131 Hebrew Syntax and Reading

A course designed to integrate Hebrew reading and syntax. This course provides advanced instruction in Hebrew syntax and applies this through reading selected portions from various genres in the Hebrew Bible. Attention is also given to developing and strengthening the student's Hebrew vocabulary.

4 hours

132 Hebrew Exegetical Methods

A study of the various aspects of the Hebrew exegetical process. This course is designed to acquaint the student with this exegetical methodology as applied to selected literary genres. The results of this are developed in an exegetical paper. Hebrew Syntax and Reading (131) and Old Testament Introduction (110) are prerequisites.

2 hours

Master of Divinity Elective Courses

101 Genesis: English Bible

A study of the Book of Genesis. Emphasis is given to introductory matters as well as the development of the message of the book and the key issues, especially the creation account in Genesis 1 and the Abrahamic Covenant. Attention is also focused upon the theological content of the book.

2 hours

102 Leviticus: English Bible

A study of the Book of Leviticus, with emphasis given to Israel's sacrificial, Levitical, priestly, and festival complex. Other material from the Pentateuch is used as it helps in the elucidation of the text. Emphasis is also placed on the theological significance of this book.

2 hours

103 Joshua and Judges: English Bible

A study of the conquest of Palestine, tribal allotments, and subsequent apostasies and deliverances of Israel from the crossing of the Jordan to the monarchy. Historical and chronological factors are brought in.

2 hours

104 Job: English Bible

A study of the Book of Job, with emphasis given to introductory matters as well as the development of the message of the book and the key issues. Attention is also given to the theological content of the book.

2 hours

105 Proverbs: English Bible

A study is made of biblical wisdom literature, especially as it is found in the Book of Proverbs. Emphasis is placed primarily upon the ethical demands of a holy God upon his people.

2 hours

106 Isaiah: English Bible

An analytical study of Isaiah from the English Bible with special attention given to the eschatological and Messianic sections of the book.

2 hours

107 Daniel: English Bible

An analysis of the Book of Daniel is made, with particular concentration upon the prophetic portions of the book. The course is designed to enable the student to gain a better perspective of God's plans for Israel and the nations in light of Israel's disobedience.

2 hours

108 Obadiah and Micah: English Bible

A study of the Books of Obadiah and Micah. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

2 hours

109 Haggai and Malachi: English Bible

A study of the Books of Haggai and Malachi. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

2 hours

113 History of Israel

A survey of the history of God's chosen nation, its contact with heathen peoples, its great leaders, and the place of the prophets in the national picture. The course includes a study of Old Testament chronology, beginning with the call of Abram and ending with the Persian period.

2 hours

114 United Monarchy

A study of I and II Samuel and I Kings 1-11 built around the leading personalities of Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Historical and theological matters are especially noted.

2 hours

115 Divided Monarchy

A study of Old Testament history from the death of Solomon to the Babylonian Exile, covering the kings of the northern and southern kingdoms in Israel. The material of Kings and Chronicles as well as archaeological matters are studied.

2 hours

116 Exile and Restoration

The history of Israel from Josiah through Nehemiah (640 – 400 B.C.). Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther are studied along with historical material from Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Psalms.

2 hours

117 Bible Geography

The purpose of this course is to give a solid introduction to the geography of the east and west Jordan regions along with biblically historical highlights. The student should conclude with a good knowledge of the geographical zones of these regions along with an understanding of the major cities and events of the areas. Other Bible lands, such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, and Syria are covered in the reading for the course.

2 hours

118 Ecclesiastes: English Bible

An expositional study of the Book of Ecclesiastes, with attention given to such introductory issues as the integrity, structure, and canonicity of the book. The primary intent of this course is to develop the message of Ecclesiastes.

2 hours

119 Jonah and Nahum: English Bible

A study of the Books of Jonah and Nahum. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

2 hours

120 Habakkuk and Zephaniah: English Bible

A study of the Books of Habakkuk and Zephaniah. The intent of this course is to examine the

introductory issues and to develop the message of each book. Attention is also given to the theological content of each work.

2 hours

121 Zechariah: English Bible

A study of the Book of Zechariah. The intent of this course is to examine the introductory issues and to develop the message of this book. Attention is also given to its theological content.

2 hours

125 Biblical Creationism

A study of biblical Creationism. Emphasis will be given to God's supernatural creation of the universe in six successive days, the significance of the Fall to creationism, and the Noahic Flood and its extensive effects on the world.

2 hours

126 Understanding the Psalms

A course designed to assist in developing a greater appreciation for the Old Testament worship manual, the Psalms. This course looks at the historical development and the organization of the Psalter. It also aims to use the various literary genres found in the Psalms as paradigms for further study and worshipful reading in the book of Psalms.

2 hours

***Master of Theology and Upper Level
Master of Divinity Courses***

141 Old Testament Theology I

A systematic study of the doctrines of the Old Testament from the standpoint of the Old Testament saint. New Testament extrapolations and inferences are avoided as much as possible. The doctrines covered are Introduction, Revelation, Inspiration, God, Man, Sin, Salvation, and the Spirit World.

2 hours

142 Old Testament Theology II

A systematic study of the Old Testament doctrines of Worship, Prophetism, Kingdom of God, Messiah, and Eschatology.

2 hours

143 Biblical Aramaic

A study of the grammar of Aramaic is made, and the Aramaic portions of Daniel and Ezra are translated.

2 hours

144 Ugaritic

An introduction to the language and literature of ancient Ugarit. The relationship and

contribution of such study to the Old Testament will be emphasized.

2 hours

146 Messianic Prophecy

An examination of messianic prophecies in light of progressive revelation. This course is a diachronic study which traces the development of messianism and involves an exegesis of key Old Testament passages. This course also includes an examination of germane New Testament references.

2 hours

147 Old Testament Textual Criticism

A study of the history of the Hebrew text. Emphasis is given to understanding major text types, their histories, and their value in textual criticism and to examining the significance of ancient versions in textual criticism. Emphasis is placed on developing a methodology for doing Old Testament textual criticism.

2 hours

148 Research in the Old Testament

Guided research in some area of Old Testament studies involving reading and evaluation of important elements of the literature in the field (2000 pages minimum) and the writing of a scholarly research paper (40 pages minimum). All work for the class must be completed in the semester in which it is begun. A class begun in summer school must be completed by the beginning of the following fall semester.

2 hours

149 Rapid Hebrew Reading

A course designed to increase the student's ability in translating the Hebrew text. Emphasis is given to translating extended sections from various genres found in the Old Testament. Attention is also given to learning all words that occur ten or more times in the Hebrew text.

2 hours

150 Holy Land Tour

A study tour of the Holy Land. This tour highlights selected biblical sites and is designed to integrate Scripture with biblical geography, archaeology, and history.

2 hours

EXEGESIS CLASSES: In the following courses the various aspects of the exegetical process are applied to sections of the Hebrew Old Testament. In each of these emphasis is placed on the development of the message of the book. Prerequisite: 131 and 132.

151 Hebrew Exegesis of Esther *2 hours*

152 Hebrew Exegesis of Job *2 hours*

153 Hebrew Exegesis of Ecclesiastes *2 hours*

154	Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40–53	<i>2 hours</i>
155	Hebrew Exegesis of Hosea	<i>2 hours</i>
156	Hebrew Exegesis of Joel, Obadiah, and Zephaniah	<i>2 hours</i>
157	Hebrew Exegesis of Amos	<i>2 hours</i>
158	Hebrew Exegesis of Micah	<i>2 hours</i>
159	Hebrew Exegesis of Nahum and Habakkuk	<i>2 hours</i>
160	Hebrew Exegesis of Haggai and Malachi	<i>2 hours</i>
161	Hebrew Exegesis of Zechariah	<i>2 hours</i>
162	Hebrew Exegesis of Jonah and Ruth	<i>2 hours</i>

Seminars

741 Seminar in Old Testament Theology

Old Testament topics of practical and theological significance are selected for thorough investigation.

2 hours

744 Seminar on Old Testament Problem Texts

Difficult passages in Scripture are examined and the various views of their interpretation are analyzed and evaluated. Emphasis is placed upon the relationship between the student's conclusions concerning the passage and relevant doctrines.

2 hours