

BI620 Interpretation of the Old testament in the Reformed Tradition
Distance Section, Fall 2023
Three Credits. Letter grade only

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OVERVIEW/COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the historical, literary, and cultural background and theological content of the Old Testament in light of the Reformed tradition.

This course is a required course for the M.A.R.T.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By participating fully in this class, students will be able to:

1. Outline the basic storyline of the Old Testament and to identify major genres, characters and key passages.
2. Identify and to articulate key theological themes in the Old Testament especially as interpreted in the Reformed tradition.
3. Analyze key passages in the Old Testament and explain how they function in the canon and within the Reformed tradition.
4. Grow in their ability to interpret Scripture for the life of the Christian community.

M.A.R.T. Curricular Goals Fulfilled by This Course:

- Identify and articulate the core commitments of the Christian tradition with a focus on the Reformed tradition
- Analyze how key theological terms and concepts emerged and function within the Christian tradition and, more specifically, the Reformed tradition
- Describe and evaluate the core commitments of the catholic and Reformed tradition in conversation with historical and contemporary critics.

Course Requirements (1000 points total)

1. Conscientious weekly responses in oral and written form to assigned readings. (500 points)
2. Two quizzes (100 points each)
3. A final essay on a subject assigned by instructor. (300 points)

REQUIRED TEXTS (You must have the edition noted by ISBN. You must have a print copy unless the pagination on the digital copy is identical to the print copy.):

Robert L. Hubbard, J. Andrew Dearman, *Introducing the Old Testament* ISBN: 9780802867902

James L. Mays, *The Lord Reigns. A Theological Handbook to the Psalms* ISBN: 9780664255589

Modern Translation of the Bible (NRSV, NIV, NASB, CEB)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

T Desmond Alexander and David W. Baker, ed., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2003. ISBN 0-8308-1781-6

Bill T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson, ed., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. InterVarsity Press, 2005. ISBN 0-8308-1782-4

Tremper Longman and Peter Enns, ed., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings*. InterVarsity Press, 2008. ISBN 978-0-8308-1783-2

J. Gordon McConville and Mark Boda, ed., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*. InterVarsity Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-8308-1784-9