

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDIES (OBST)

OBST 510 Old Testament Introduction 3 Credit Hour(s)

Deals with the two major subdivisions of OTI: (1) general introduction which involves the matters of text, canon, and the particular question of the date and authorship of the Pentateuch; and (2) special introduction relating to the treatment of the individual books of the Old Testament one-by-one, giving an account of authorship, date, purpose, and integrity. The goal of the course is to provide a basis for an introduction to the tools used in the Old Testament materials in their historical and theological context.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 515 Old Testament Orientation I 3 Credit Hour(s)

An examination of the current status of research in studies relative to the Pentateuch and Historical Books. Special attention will be given to biblical introduction, hermeneutics, and the acquiring of a strategic grasp of the historical setting, literary genres, and structure of each book, as well as areas of particular critical concern.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 520 Old Testament Orientation II 3 Credit Hour(s)

An examination of the current status of research in studies relative to the poetic and prophetic books. Special attention will be given to biblical introduction, hermeneutics, and the acquiring of a strategic grasp of the historical setting, literary genres, and structure of each book, as well as areas of particular critical concern.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 640 Apologetics and the Old Testament 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 500 and NBST 610

An investigation of key issues in the study of the Old Testament with a focus upon defending the truthfulness of the Old Testament. Focused attention will be given to the historicity of Old Testament narratives, issues in archaeology, and the compatibility of the God of the Old Testament with the God of the New Testament.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 650 Genesis 3 Credit Hour(s)

An examination of Genesis with particular emphasis on the major themes and events: creation, flood, patriarchal narratives, and the Abrahamic Covenant. Attention will be given to significant historical and archaeological details relative to the cultural milieu as well as to crucial theological concepts found in key chapters in the book.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 651 Creation, Cosmology and Genesis 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive, comparative study of creation issues. Attention will be directed to a proper exegesis of pertinent Genesis texts, to comparing/contrasting the Genesis account to other Ancient Near East creation stories, and to an evaluation of modern theories of creation.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 655 Joshua-Kings 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the historical books of the Old Testament with a brief special introduction to each, followed by a detailed study of the history of Israel from the era of conquest to the era of restoration. Assigned work in the biblical materials.

Offered: Online

OBST 659 Job-Song of Songs and Lamentations 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the historical background, nature, and purpose of divine revelation in the poetic literature of the Old Testament. An analysis of the form and content of the poetic books of the Old Testament: Job through Song of Solomon, and Lamentations.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 660 Psalms 3 Credit Hour(s)

An in-depth study of representative types of psalmic materials. Attention is given to questions of historical setting and literary form as they relate to major religious ideas and teachings.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 661 Isaiah 3 Credit Hour(s)

Careful attention is given to the special introductory aspects of the book: 1) unity, authorship, date; 2) historical background; 3) themes, motifs, or emphasis; 4) purpose(s); and 5) literary features. A detailed exposition of the major portions of the text will be presented, especially the Messianic sections.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 662 Jeremiah and Ezekiel 3 Credit Hour(s)

A detailed investigation of two of Judah's great major prophets in the late kingdom and exilic periods, with special emphasis on their historical setting and literary compilation.

Offered: Resident

OBST 663 Daniel 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study of the book of Daniel. Attention will be given to the historical setting, questions of date and authorship, the nature of Hebrew prophecy, parallel eschatological passages, and basic teachings. The best critical literature will be utilized.

OBST 664 Pre-Exilic Minor Prophets 3 Credit Hour(s)

An examination of Israel's prophets before the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. Attention is given to their historic setting as well as to their message and theological relevance.

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 680 New Testament Development of Old Testament Themes 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study of how historical, exegetical, and theological themes of the Old Testament are developed in the New Testament. Special attention will also be given to how the hermeneutics of the New Testament writers should impact Christian interpretation of Scripture.

Note: Cross-listed with NBST 680

Offered: Resident and Online

OBST 695 Directed Research in Old Testament Biblical Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)

Designed for the advanced student in good standing who has demonstrated an ability to work independently. The student will work with the instructor in developing a proposal for guided research in a specified area of Old Testament.

Offered: Online

OBST 697 Seminar in Old Testament 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study in a specific subject of the Old Testament. This course allows variation in the approach and content of the regular curriculum and often will be used by visiting professors.

Offered: Resident and Online