

 <p>NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANSWERING GOD'S CALL</p>	<p>OTEN5300 Exploring the Old Testament Division of Biblical Studies Spring 2022, 12:30-1:50 p.m Tuesday / Thursday</p>
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Office Hours

To schedule an appointment please contact me by email or in person. I thoroughly enjoy meeting with students, so please do not hesitate to schedule a coffee or meeting with me.

Office: Dodd Building, Room 211

Tuesday – 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday – 2:30-3:30pm

Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the literary, historical, and theological contents and contexts of the Old Testament. Significant interpretive issues are noted, major theological themes covered, and their relevance for Christian living addressed.

Student Learning Outcomes

Describe the geographic, historical, political, religious, literary, and cultural setting of Genesis-Malachi. Discuss the introductory issues of Genesis-Malachi, such as their authorship, date, occasion, purpose, critical issues, and literary characteristics.

Identify the theological emphases of Job-Malachi and their importance for Christian faith, practice, and ministry. Understand the general content of the Old Testament from Genesis-Malachi. Appreciate the composition of these biblical books.

Understand contemporary approaches to studying the Old Testament. Recognize the value of the Old Testament for today.

Course at a Glance

Readings

Exams

COURSE TEXTS

Required

English Bible

Richard Hess, *The Old Testament: A Historical, Theological, and Critical Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory.

Class attendance and participation are vital to the learning process. Excessive absences will lower your final grade. Please read the seminary's policy on "Absences" in the current catalog.

Students should not be tardy for class. It is a distraction and a robbing of fellow students from their educational experience. Excessive tardiness may result in the reduction of the final course grade.

Assignments

Reading – Students will complete all reading assignments (see schedule below). These assignments comprise **35%** of the final grade. Students will acknowledge in Blackboard *prior to each class* the amount of reading.

Exams – There will be two exams that make up **65%** of the final course grade. The first exam is worth 25%. The final exam accounts for 40% of the grade because of its comprehensive nature.

Late Assignments

Unless of an emergency, **no papers will be accepted late.**

SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals with documented impairments who may need special circumstances for exams, classroom participation, or assignments should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester in order for special arrangements to be considered.

Writing Style Guide

A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at: https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System
NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCsupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff” NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Class Topic
Tuesday 1/18	Introduction
Thursday 1/20	Genesis
Tuesday 1/25	Exodus
Thursday 1/27	Leviticus
Tuesday 2/1	Numbers
Thursday 2/3	Deuteronomy

Tuesday 2/8	Joshua
Thursday 2/10	Judges / Ruth
Tuesday 2/15	1 Samuel
Thursday 2/17	2 Samuel
Tuesday 2/22	1 Kings
Thursday 2/24	2 Kings
Tuesday 3/1	Mardi Gras NO CLASS
Thursday 3/3	1-2 Chronicles
Tuesday 3/8	Ezra / Nehemiah / Esther
Thursday 3/10	Mid-Term Exam
Tuesday 3/15	SPRING BREAK NO CLASS
Thursday 3/17	SPRING BREAK NO CLASS
Tuesday 3/22	Job
Thursday 3/24	Psalms 1-75

Tuesday 3/29	Psalms 76-150
Thursday 3/31	Proverbs 1-10
Thursday 4/5	Proverbs 11-31
Tuesday 4/7	Ecclesiastes / Song of Songs
Thursday 4/12	Isaiah 1-39
Tuesday 4/12	Isaiah 40-66
Thursday 4/19	Jeremiah 1-29
Tuesday 4/21	Jeremiah 30-52 / Lamentations
Thursday 4/26	Ezekiel / Daniel
Tuesday 4/28	Hosea / Joel / Amos / Obadiah
Thursday 5/3	Jonah / Micah / Nahum / Habakkuk / Zephaniah
Tuesday 5/5	Haggai / Zechariah / Malachi
Tuesday 5/10	FINAL EXAM 11:00am-1:00pm

Due to the nature of the course schedule, it is recommended that you create a reading schedule to space out the reading over the course of the semester.