

**OTSR 9301 Supervised Reading Colloquium: Old Testament Introduction, Pentateuch,
and Text**
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I. Colloquium Description

Guided readings, reviews, and discussions of selected materials which are required reading for Ph.D. students majoring in Old Testament studies. These materials are foundational to the area of study as a whole and serve as supplement to more focused reading and study in required seminars.

II. Colloquium Objectives

A. Knowledge

Students who complete the work successfully will:

1. Have become familiar with the basic content of all assigned sources
2. Have understood the place and value of each source in the larger history of study

B. Attitudes

Students who complete the work successfully will:

1. Have come to appreciate the value of understanding the history of study in a given field
2. Have embraced learning through dialogue as an important component in their discipline of study
3. Have come to understand the importance of maintaining familiarization with ongoing bibliographical developments in their area of study

C. Skills

Students who complete the work successfully will:

1. Grown in the ability to develop a disciplined plan for reading and research
2. Be able to evaluate the content of each source
3. Be able to compare and contrast different but related sources
4. Be able to express knowledge and understanding of all materials in both oral and written form

III. Colloquium Requirements

- A. Students will produce a written plan for reading and mastery of all listed materials and will be able to explain and defend that plan orally
- B. Students will write formal reviews on assigned sources
- C. Students will provide oral reports on readings and participate in dialogue regarding the materials and their assessment of them

IV. Colloquium Grading

Students are graded on a Pass/Fail basis, considering attendance, quality of oral and written work, and participation in general

V. Colloquium Attendance

Check current Graduate Catalog for stated policies on attendance. Keep in mind that, at this level of study, absences should be exceptional.

VI. Colloquium Schedule

August 22	Introduction to the work of the Colloquium; assignments and projections
September 26	Readings on Introduction to the Old Testament
October 17	Readings on Text and Canon
November 14	Readings on Hebrew Language
December 12	Readings on Pentateuch

VII. Guidance for Written Submissions

- A. Written reviews shall include the following components:
 1. Basic bibliographical information
 2. A concise summary of the contents of the work according to its major divisions (I realize that in some works, you may have to consolidate so use your own judgment regarding how to configure the summary)
 3. An assessment of the work's significance and its place in the broader field of critical study
 4. Provide some critique of the work from a scholarly perspective. Include here, along with your own insight, perspective from at least two scholarly reviews, if available and worthwhile
 5. Provide a listing of 2 to 3 sources currently on the market that fit the same category as the source reviewed and any anecdotal evaluation
 6. The review should be no more than 4-5 single-spaced pages
 7. No title page is necessary
- B. Reviewers shall provide copies for the professor at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meetings and for each colloquium member no later than the beginning of the session in which they are to present
- C. Reviewers shall not read their reviews but shall give an oral report of findings with reference to the review and shall field questions from the professor and seminar members regarding the content of the material reviewed, as well as its significance for critical study.

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