

Virginia Western Community College

REL 200

Survey of the Old Testament

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Surveys books of the Old Testament, with emphasis on prophetic historical books. Examines the historical and geographical setting and place of the Israelites in the ancient Middle East as background to the writings.

As an introductory course, it provides a general overview of the literature of the Old Testament examining the text and context with emphasis upon the major themes of the various books.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Required Materials

1. A Bible. No particular version is required
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook: (optional)

Tullock, John and Mark McEntire, *The Old Testament Story*, 9th Edition (2011), Pearson, ISBN # 978-0-205-09783-8.

Harper Collins Study Bible, ISBN: 978-0-060-78684-7, Harper Collins.

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Be conversant with and understand key terms and concepts in the Old Testament
- Introduce the literary characteristics and quality of the Old Testament
- Gain a basic understanding of the message of the Old Testament as a whole
- Understand how the individual books are organized or structured
- Come to understand more deeply the history of the Jewish people

Topical Description

1	Introduction
2	Genesis
3	Exodus
4	Leviticus
5	Numbers
6	Deuteronomy
7	Joshua
8	Judges
9	Samuel
10	Kings
11	Amos
12	Hosea
13	Isaiah
14	Micah
15	Zephaniah
16	Nahum
17	Jeremiah
18	Habakkuk
19	Obadiah
20	Ezekiel
21	Haggai
22	Zechariah
23	Joel
24	Malachi
25	Jonah
26	Ezra
27	Nehemiah

28	Psalms
29	Proverbs
30	Job
31	Ecclesiastes
32	Song of Solomon
33	Ruth
34	Esther
35	Daniel

Notes to Instructors

None