



On-Campus Course Syllabus

OTS 201 FA.L1

Old Testament Survey II

Fall 2020

Class Information

Day and Time: Tuesday and Thursday 12:15 – 1:30

Room Number: E211

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Course Description and Prerequisites

The study of the books of Job through Malachi, focusing on the nature and formation of the poetic and wisdom literature of ancient Israel as well as the oracles of the Hebrew prophets, their message and contribution to Israel's history and faith.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- A. Locate on a timeline these OT books and the major OT events and characters they mention;
- B. Explain how each book fits into the historical context of the OT timeline and its theological context in the history of redemption;
- C. Describe the occasion, message (theme), and structure (general outline) of each book;
- D. Identify the basic literary genres present and explain their function;
- E. Outline a summary survey of the content of each book;
- F. Identify the basic interpretative and critical issues, particularly authorship/composition and date; and
- G. Present research on a topic from this section of Scripture

Required Textbooks

- A. The Holy Bible. Yes, bring a Bible to class. I will use the NKJV and ESV.
- B. Hill, Andrew E., and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. 3d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (ISBN 9780310280958)
- C. Hill, Andrew E., and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament: Video Lectures*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2016. (ASIN: 0310525373)

Course Requirements and Assignments

- A. **4 exams.** The exams come from the lectures and notes (not the textbook) and are in multiple-choice, true-false, and matching format. You have access to the tests on Canvas through your student portal. Tests are late after 12:00 midnight at the end of the due date. You are permitted 60 minutes for each one. They are not open-book exams:
- History & poetry through Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes through Hosea (Eccl, SS, prophets, Jon, Amos, Hos)
 - Isaiah through Obadiah (Isa, Mic, Nah, Zeph, Hab, Jer, Lam, Obad)
 - Ezekiel through Malachi (Ezek, Dan, Hag, Joel, Zech, Mal)
- B. **Quizzes.** There are ten quizzes with ten or eleven multiple-choice and true-false questions, based on the reading from the textbook by Hill and Walton. The lowest quiz score will be dropped when calculating your average score. The quizzes will be taken on your student portal on Canvas and are due by midnight at the end of the scheduled date. See below and on the Course Outline for due dates and which textbook chapters are on each quiz. You may have your textbook open for these quizzes.
- C. **Bible Reading.** Read Job through Malachi in a version of your choice and report the reading on the reading report available on Canvas. You may use a language other than English. If undistracted this reading takes approximately 25-30 hours. Approximately five chapters make one percent of the assignment. **The due date is December 10.**
- D. **Reading Hill and Walton.** Read this textbook, pp. 375-750, and report the pages read on the Textbook Reading Report on Canvas. We do not cover the chapters in canonical order, but chronological. The quizzes will not be on all the chapters of Hill and Walton, but you are to read all the chapters for this assignment. **The due date is December 3.**
- E. Write a double-spaced, **five- to seven-page research paper** (see alternatives following) on one of the OT topics on Canvas, following the guidelines in the *Criswell College Manual of Style* (2007), which is on Canvas and at [www.criswell.edu/academics/Wallace Library/research resources/Criswell College Manual of Style \(CCMS\)](http://www.criswell.edu/academics/Wallace Library/research resources/Criswell College Manual of Style (CCMS)). The *Criswell Manual* is almost the same as Turabian. Use the Turabian footnote/bibliography reference method, not APA, MLA, or any other parenthetical reference/works cited method. See the due dates on the class schedule near the end of the syllabus.

The assignment has three stages:

- 1. Topic**—see the list of options; you may suggest a different one subject to the teacher's approval. **The due date is September 8.**
- 2. Bibliography**—list at least six scholarly sources that include at least one journal article (a book article does not qualify) and one Bible dictionary or encyclopedia, all in proper Turabian format. **The due date is October 6.**
- 3. Research paper**—**The due date is November 19.**

Alternatives to research paper:

The due dates for topic, bibliography, and final product above apply to the alternatives below. Research is required for the alternatives, though it is modified for the assignment related to elementary children.

1. If your goal is to minister to elementary school-age children: Micah or
2. If your goal is to minister to teens: Haggai or Jonah
3. If your goal is to minister to adult women: Joel or Amos
4. If your goal is to minister to senior adults: Zechariah or Malachi
5. If your goal is to preach: Habakkuk or Zephaniah
6. If your goal is to be a professor: the research paper above is required.

F. Listening to and summarizing Hill and Walton. Watch 14 of the last 28 lectures (from lecture 20 through 47) in the video series *A Survey of the Old Testament: Video Lectures* and write one paragraph about what you learned from at least 10 of the 14 lectures. The paragraph must be at least 100 words. If you prefer, the videos are on reserve in the library if you do not purchase them. **The due date is December 10.**

Course/Classroom Policies and Information

You are expected to be in class for each session. If you must miss for illness, family illness, work emergency or some other justifiable reason, contact the professor ahead of time. You will be responsible for acquiring the notes for the session from a classmate. See below for general attendance information.

Class Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Instructors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual instructors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

Grading Scale

A	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour
B	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour
C	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour

C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour

Weighted Grading: *The following are the proportions of your grade for each type of assignment*

- Tests 40%
- Quizzes 20%
- Bible Reading 8%
- Hill & Walton 7%
- Research paper 20%
 - Topic (1%)
 - Biblio (3%)
 - Paper (16%)
- Videos 5%
- Total 100%*

Incomplete Grades

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An "I" may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their instructors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar's Office. The "I" must be removed (by completing the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the close of the term or semester in which the grade was awarded, or the "I" will become an "F."

Academic Honesty

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

Institutional Assessment

Material submitted by students in this course may be used for assessment of the college's academic programs. Since programmatic and institutional assessment is done without reference to specific students, the results of these assessments have no effect on a student's course grade or academic standing at the college. Before submitting a student's work for this type of assessment, the course instructor redacts the work to remove anything that identifies the student.

Institutional Email Policy

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students' institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

Disabilities

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the instructor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

Resources and Supports

Canvas and SONIS: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at studenttechsupport@criswell.edu.

Student Services: The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or studentservices@criswell.edu. Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at deanofstudents@criswell.edu.

Wallace Library: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by contacting or visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, email the Wallace Library at library@criswell.edu. Offsite login information is available in Canvas in the “Criswell Student Training Course” under “Library Information.”

Tutoring Center: Students are encouraged to consult with tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence in any subject matter taught at the college. Tutors have been recommended by the faculty to ensure that the tutor(s) are qualified to serve the student body. Every tutor brings experience and expertise in an effort to provide the proper resources for the subject matter at hand. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Tutoring Center located on the second floor in room E203, or schedule an appointment by emailing tutoringcenter@criswell.edu or by calling 214.818.1373.

Course Outline/Calendar

In the event of the campus closing, class sessions will be online with Zoom. Assignments are already submitted online with Canvas, so would not change.

Session	Date	Subject	Assignment Due
1	Aug 18	Syllabus, introduction	HW (= Hill and Walton, 3 rd ed.) quiz
2	Aug 20	Poetry	
3	Aug 25	Job	HW quiz: Job
4	Aug 27	Job	
5	Sept 1	Psalms	HW quiz: Psalms
6	Sept 3	Psalms	
7	Sept 8	Proverbs	HW quiz: Proverbs; research topic due
8	Sept 10	Proverbs	
9	Sept 15	Ecclesiastes	HW quiz: Ecclesiastes; Test 1 (through Proverbs) due
10	Sept 17	Song of Songs	
11	Sept 22	Prophets and prophecy	HW quiz: Prophets
12	Sept 24	Jonah	
13	Sept 29	Amos	HW quiz: Amos
14	Oct 1	Hosea	
15	Oct 6	Isaiah	Test 2 (through Hosea) and bibliography due
16	Oct 8	Isaiah	
17	Oct 13	Isaiah	
18	Oct 15	Micah	HW quiz: Micah
19	Oct 20	Nahum	
20	Oct 22	Zephaniah	
21	Oct 27	Habakkuk	
22	Oct 29	Jeremiah	HW quiz: Jeremiah

Session	Date	Subject	Assignment Due
23	Nov 3	Jeremiah	
24	Nov 5	Lamentations, Obadiah	
25	Nov 10	Ezekiel	Test 3 (through Obadiah) due
26	Nov 12	Ezekiel	HW quiz: Ezekiel
27	Nov 17	Daniel	
28	Nov 19	Haggai, Joel	Research paper due
<i>Week of Nov 24 and 26: Reading week and Thanksgiving—no classes meet</i>			
29	Dec 1	Zechariah	HW quiz: Zechariah
30	Dec 3	Malachi	Hill & Walton reading due
	Dec 10	Online final exam	Final exam (through Malachi) due; Bible reading and video report due

Selected Bibliography

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ADDENDUM FOR FA-20

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Old Testament Survey II

In the event that Criswell College has to close the campus to on-campus classes in during the FA-20 semester, this addendum specifies how your instructor intends to adjust the course in order to allow students to meet the course objectives.

Nothing changes except for how we meet in class sessions.

Remote Class Sessions: Identity and Participation Verification

If campus closes, we will have our class sessions on Zoom. You may join by phone if necessary, but computer, laptop, or tablet is preferable. You may keep your video blacked out if you prefer, but you are expected to be present throughout the session and respond when called upon.