

Brescia University College

Religious Studies 1026/2226F (Fall 2014)

Introduction to the Old Testament: Religious Themes

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Class times: Tuesdays 11:30 – 1:30

email: through the OWL course site

Thursdays 11: 30 – 12:30

Location: MRW 152

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the collection of texts which have become the Hebrew Bible. We will consider in particular the historic-cultural context in which these texts arose and the various genres of literature (legal, prophetic, wisdom and liturgical) represented. The great themes of the Old Testament (the covenant, fidelity, justice and liberation) and their contemporary relevance will be highlighted.

3 hours, 0.5 course

Antirequisites for 1026: The former Religious Studies 010E and all 1020 level Religious Studies courses except Religious Studies 1028F/G and Religious Studies 1029.

Antirequisites for 2226: Religious Studies 1026F/G and 2201F/G.

Course Requirements - 1026:

Article Review	10%	Mid Term Test	20%
Presentation and Paper	20%	Final Exam	30%
On-line discussion	20%		

Course Requirements - 2226:

Article Reviews	15%	Mid Term Test	15%
Presentation and Paper	20%	Final Exam	30%
On-line discussion	20%		

Required Texts:

- Stephen Harris and Robert Platzner. *The Old Testament: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, 2008.
- Any recent scholarly edition of the bible such as The New American Bible, The New English Bible, The New Revised Standard Version, The New Jerusalem Bible. **Paraphrases of the Hebrew Scriptures are not acceptable.** A link to an on-line New Revised Standard Version can be found on OWL.