

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDIES (OBST)

## OBST 800 Old Testament Backgrounds 3 Credit Hour(s)

**Prerequisite:** BIBL 700 and BIBL 715 and (NGRK 505 and NGRK 511 or NGRK 620 and NGRK 643 or NGRK 644 or NGRK 645 or NGRK 646) and (OTCL 505 and OTCL 511 or OTCL 640 and OTCL 643)

A study of the peoples, movements, and cultures surrounding the world of the Old Testament. Special emphasis is placed on the impact of background material on the exposition of key segments of the Old Testament. Resources from ancient Near Eastern archaeological and literary discoveries are examined with attention given to their influence on informing the interpretation of the Old Testament. Historiography within the ancient world is explored with an emphasis on its impact upon Old Testament texts.

**Offered:** Resident and Online

## OBST 815 Law 3 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** OBST 800

A study of select portions of the Pentateuch, including a treatment of introductory issues, hermeneutical principles regarding the narrative and legal genres, and a functional analysis of key interpretive issues in the study of Genesis through Deuteronomy. The course engages with current evangelical scholarship on critical issues that relate to the study of the Pentateuch. Special emphasis is placed on biblical theological motifs within the Pentateuch, and expositional strategies to integrate standard exegesis with biblical theological awareness.

**Offered:** Online

## OBST 830 Prophets I 3 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** OBST 800

A study of select portions of the Former Prophets, which include the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings. The course provides a treatment of introductory issues, aspects of historiography in the ancient Near East, hermeneutical principles regarding narrative literature, and a functional analysis of key interpretive issues in the study of Joshua through Kings. The course engages with current evangelical scholarship on critical issues that relate to the study of the historical books of the Old Testament. Special emphasis is placed on biblical theological motifs within the Former Prophets, and expositional strategies to integrate standard exegesis with biblical theological awareness.

**Offered:** Online

## OBST 845 Prophets II 3 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** OBST 800

A study of select portions of the Latter Prophets, including a treatment of the historical framework of the 8th – 5th centuries B.C. The course addresses the rhetorical strategies of the writing prophets along with the hermeneutics involved in the study of prophetic genre and sub-genre. A functional analysis is provided for key interpretive issues in the study of the Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the Book of the Twelve. The course engages with current evangelical scholarship on critical issues that relate to the study of the writing prophets. Special emphasis is placed on biblical theological motifs within the prophetic corpus, and expositional strategies to integrate standard exegesis with biblical theological awareness.

**Offered:** Online

## OBST 860 Writings 3 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** OBST 800

A study of select portions of the Old Testament Writings, including the Psalter, wisdom literature, Daniel, Lamentations, and the narratives of Ruth, Esther, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Chronicles. The course includes a treatment of diverse introductory issues and the hermeneutical principles associated with the Psalter and wisdom literature. The course engages with current evangelical scholarship on critical issues that relate to the study of the Writings. Special emphasis is placed on biblical theological motifs within the diverse books that comprise the Writings, and expositional strategies to integrate standard exegesis with biblical theological awareness.

**Offered:** Online

## OBST 900 Reading Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture 3 Credit Hour(s)

A seminar on Ancient Near Eastern history and religion during the period covered in the Old Testament. This seminar will focus on religious, ideological, historical, and political developments that surround the writing of the Old Testament.

**Offered:** Resident

## OBST 910 Uses of the Old Testament in the New Testament 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study of the historical, exegetical, and theological issues related to the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament, with special attention to the question of how the hermeneutics of the New Testament writers should impact Christian interpretation of Scripture.

**Offered:** Resident

## OBST 933 Isaiah 3 Credit Hour(s)

## OBST 935 Daniel 3 Credit Hour(s)

## OBST 938 Daniel 3 Credit Hour(s)

## OBST 950 Special Topics in the Old Testament 3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study in a specific topic of interest related to the Old Testament. The emphasis in this study will be on directed reading and research in the designated topic.

**Offered:** Resident

## OBST 968 Current Biblical and Theological Issues 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of biblical and theological issues of contemporary significance. Attention will be given to the present-day representatives along with their literature and influence upon current Christianity.

**Offered:** Resident

## OBST 993 Readings in Old Testament and Comprehensive Examination 3 Credit Hour(s)

Analysis of the major primary sources and scholarly research on the Old Testament leading toward a comprehensive examination.

**Registration Restrictions:** Once the student completes 15 hours of the Major Area of Focus, the student can be registered for the Major Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination course. Once the student completes 9 hours of the Major Area of Focus, the student can be registered for the Minor Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination course. Must be approved by the Director of the PhD in Biblical Studies.

**Offered:** Resident

**OBST 995 Directed Research in Old Testament Biblical Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Designed for the advanced student in good standing who has demonstrated an ability to work independently. The student will work with the instructor in developing a proposal for guided research in a specified area of Old Testament.

**Offered:** Resident

**OBST 997 Seminar in Old Testament 3 Credit Hour(s)**

An intensive study in a specific subject of the Old Testament. This course allows variation in the approach and content of the regular curriculum and often will be used by visiting professors.

**Offered:** Resident