

Master of Arts in Old Testament Studies

Course Descriptions

BIB 601 Study of the Pentateuch (3)

Through an in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 602 Study of Joshua to Ruth (3)

Through an in-depth study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 603 Study 1 Samuel to 2 Chronicles (3)

Through an in-depth study of the books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 604 Study of Ezra to Esther (3)

Through an in-depth study of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 605 Study of the Poetical Books (3)

Through an in-depth study of the poetical books, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 606 Study of the Major Prophets (3)

Through an in-depth study of the Major Prophets, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 607 Study of the Minor Prophets (3)

Through an in-depth study of the Minor Prophets, the student will gain a general understanding of the scope and content of the books as well as a significant understanding of the consensus of conservative scholarship on interpretation. The student will gain a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and demonstrate the ability to communicate that information in a coherent way through writing Bible commentary.

BIB 505 Advanced Study of the OT (3)

This course is designed to acquaint students with an apologetic approach to the study of the Old Testament. Particular emphasis is placed on refuting the widely held Documentary Hypothesis and other theories that place doubt on the historicity and inspiration of particular Old Testament books. Prerequisite: BIB 502 Introduction to Biblical Languages

BIB 522 Introduction to Biblical Ethics (3)

Ours is an age where moral relativism has become the norm, even in many of our churches. The church today has very little impact on cultural social ethics. Its focus on love and grace can lead to antinomianism without a proper understanding of the use of Old Testament Law in the ethics of the New Testament as well as the necessary role of natural law in ethical decisions. This course seeks to give the student a broader understanding of the role of OT Law in the early church and the implications for public ethics. The course will also examine basic moral systems and how they affect the process of making ethical decisions. Students will be challenged to rethink their own views concerning personal and public ethics.

BIB 541 Elementary Hebrew 1 (3)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a beginning understanding of the form and function of the Hebrew language. The goal is for students to become proficient in the technical aspects of the language to prepare them for more advanced study so their knowledge of Hebrew can be useful in sermon preparation or biblical study. Prerequisite: BIB 502 Introduction to Biblical Languages

BIB 542 Elementary Hebrew 2 (3)

The purpose of this course is to reinforce the basic language skills learned in Elementary Hebrew 1 and to give students a deeper understanding of the biblical Hebrew. This course emphasizes the analysis of biblical texts, giving students an understanding of the process necessary for sound exegesis. Prerequisite: BIB 541 Elementary Hebrew 1

BIB 543 Advanced Hebrew (3)

The purpose of this course is help students move from the technical aspects of the Hebrew language to exposition of biblical passages. While basic Hebrew grammar and syntax are reviewed, the emphasis is on developing a method for sound OT biblical hermeneutics.