

CHR 111 Old Testament Survey
Union University
Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church

Course Description

A survey of the Old Testament, emphasizing historical, theological, and literary development. (undergraduate level).

General Objective

That students preparing to serve among the Deaf in cross-cultural settings using a Chronological Bible Storying approach understand the metanarrative of Scripture, especially as it applies to the Old Testament, and be prepared to share the story of Scripture with other Deaf people.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to

- Demonstrate a firm grasp of the Old Testament as sacred literature of the Christian faith
- Describe the historical background and continuity of the biblical revelation through major personalities and key events of the Old Testament
- Accurately interpret key passages within their literary and historical contexts
- Recount the metanarrative of the Old Testament by memorizing and re-telling selected key passages
- Describe the missiological thread running through the Old Testament and discuss its implications for God's covenant with Israel and the Church
- Recreate the basic OT timeline through icons that relate to specific stories therein

Required Text

The Bible (in written, video-recorded, or signed versions, as appropriate to the student)

Assignments

Daily interaction with the biblical text as assigned. Due to the survey nature of the course, no term papers or other special projects are required. Instead, emphasis will be placed on daily interaction with the Scriptures, memorized through Chronological Storying techniques, a daily notebook comprised of daily assignments, a final exam that incorporates the entire OT timeline, and signed videos of assigned stories.

Method of Instruction

Selected stories of the Old Testament will be presented by the instructor, and repeated by the students to ingrain a thorough understanding of each story and its place in the metanarrative of the Old Testament. Students will achieve the ability to retell each story accurately and place it within its appropriate context in the metanarrative, without benefit of external resources. In addition to

learning the content of the Old Testament, the instructor will lead students in daily discussions about the implications of the stories learned, with a focus on the missionary nature of God as revealed throughout the Old Testament.

American Sign Language will be the language of instruction, class interaction, and evaluation.

Students will be expected to do the following to successfully complete this course:

1. Complete assigned videos of OT stories as given by the instructors and upload to Tegrity in the Moodle Rooms site.
2. Based on the stories or books in the OT that were covered during class, submit a video (in ASL) that covers the basic timeline and icons in conjunction with the instructors' guidelines. The presentation will be recorded or uploaded to Tegrity in the Moodle Rooms site for this course.
3. Keep an updated notebook with story crafting worksheets of assigned texts, maps, notes, icons, and other significant inserts.
4. Participate in daily class discussion based on Scriptures learned and applications presented by the instructor, as well as from their own knowledge, background, and experience gained from individual story crafting and presentations.
5. Complete a final exam focused on the entirety of the Old Testament, its stories, and its timeline.

Grading

Teacher will give this information on the first day of class