

MCS 500 Old Testament 1: Promise, Covenant, and Praise

**Union University
Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church**

Course Description:

OT Survey is an investigation of the theological implications of God, His promises, given to His covenant people, and His interaction among those people throughout salvation history. This course will analyze these themes through the study of the history, background, literary genre, structure, and theology of the Old Testament.

Course Objectives:

When the student completes this course, he/she should be able to:

- Correlate Old Testament history and chronology with corresponding icons
- Demonstrate skills in handling stories in their cultural context
- Discuss significant theological theme of redemption in selected stories & books
- Describe the historical background and continuity of the biblical revelation through selected personalities and events of the Old Testament
- Accurately apply 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

Required Texts:

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

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.

Course requirements:

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. In addition to the assigned stories to be uploaded the Master's level students will be expected to have correct biblical references, corresponding icons, and additional research communicated each day in class in order to complete this course. (20%)
2. Keep an updated notebook with story crafting worksheets of assigned texts, maps, notes, icons, references, and other significant inserts. (20%)
3. Based on the stories or books in the OT that were covered during class, submit a video (in ASL) that covers the basic timeline in conjunction with the instructors' guidelines. The presentation will be recorded or uploaded to Tegrity in the Moodle Rooms site for this course. (20%)
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. (10%)
5. Complete a final exam focused on the entirety of the Old Testament. This will include specifics on the main stories, a detailed timeline, and any/all corresponding biblical references. (30%)

Grading Scale

Teacher will give this information on the first day of class.