

Old Testament Concentration

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In relating the story of God and his chosen people, Israel, the Old Testament lays the foundation for the faith of Christians. The Old Testament concentration leads students to explore, through these ancient writings, the character of God, his commitment to restore his people and all of creation, and both positive and negative human responses to God's grace. Complemented by elective courses in other disciplines, this concentration encourages students to draw on the rich resources of the Old Testament in expressing their Christian faith, in addition to providing a firm foundation for advanced studies in Old Testament. Students are encouraged to meet with the coordinator early in their program in order to determine the overall shape of their concentration.

Concentration Coordinator: Iain Provan

Regular Faculty available to supervise in this area for 2007-2008: Phil Long, Iain Provan

Other Approved Supervisors: Carl Armerding; Sven Soderlund

See the *Academic Catalogue* for specific information regarding program and concentration requirements for the MCS, MDiv and ThM programs. Note that a concentration is required for the MCS and the ThM; it is optional for the MDiv.

Due to the number of required courses in this concentration both in Old Testament and in Hebrew students are advised to plan their courses carefully from the beginning of their program. Failure to do so may entail taking courses beyond the minimum credits required for the program.

2007-2008 Old Testament Concentration Courses:

Concentration Courses offered in Fall 2007:

- BIBL 501 Old Testament Foundations (Provan)
- BIBL 503 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation (Watts)
- BIBL 600 Biblical Hermeneutics and Criticism (Provan)
- BIBL 611 OT Book Study: Exodus (Provan)
- BIBL 626 OT Book Study Isaiah (Watts)
- BIBL 712 OT Seminar Archeology and the OT (Long)

Concentration Courses offered in Winter 2008:

- BIBL 503 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation (Long/Derrenbacker)
- BIBL 520 Exodus and Liberation (Ekblad; Weekend)
- BIBL 711 OT Seminar: OT Theology (Provan)

Concentration Courses offered in Spring & Summer Schools 2008 (see Summer Term brochure for updates):

- BIBL 566 The Bible, Homosexuality and Sexual Ethics (Gagnon)
- BIBL (tba) The King and His Court: David's Inner Circle in 1 & 2 Samuel (Bodner)
- BIBL (tba) The Book of Twelve: The Minor Prophets (Seitz)
- BIBL (tba) Song of Songs and Ecclesiastes (Provan)