

**Alabama Course of Study
Huntingdon College
Summer 2019
July 5-6 and August 2-3
Assignments and Course Requirements**

Course: COS 221 – Bible II: Torah and Israel’s History
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This course interprets the critical events, developing institutions, and traditions of Israel. Attention is given to the earliest Covenants, to the Exodus, to the rise of the monarchy, and to other events up to the eighth century prophets.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a historical overview of the experience and faith of ancient Israel.
2. Exegete selected passages that illustrate crucial turning points in the history of Israel.
3. Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.

Required Texts

1. Bible. The New Revised Standard Version is recommended and is the one the instructor will be using. If you prefer a different translation, however, that is acceptable. We will use the Bible in class every day.
2. Anderson, Bishop, and Newman, *Understanding the Old Testament*, Fifth edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2007. ISBN: 0-13-092380-X
3. Gaventa and Peterson, eds., *The New Interpreter’s Bible One-Volume Commentary*. Abingdon Press, 2010. SBN 978-0-687-33411-7. (Provides excellent introductions to and commentaries on each book of the Bible.)

Supplementary Texts

- Fretheim, Terrence. *The Pentateuch* (Interpreting Biblical Texts Series). Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996. (ISBN 9780687008421)

Required Reading

1. Anderson, Bishop, and Newman, pp. xv - xviii and pp. 1-256
2. The handouts given out in class
3. The readings required for the pre-course assignment
4. The readings for the mid-course assignment

Recommended Reading (but not required)

Gaventa and Peterson pp. 1-237

Textbooks may be ordered from: Candler Cokesbury Bookstore (404-727-6336); Birmingham Cokesbury Bookstore (205-822-5190); on the Internet from www.amazon.com.

Required Written Word

1. A Pre-Course Paper
2. A Mid-Course Project
3. Other assignments given in class.
4. A Test

The Pre-Course Paper

For this paper, you will need to read three brief articles in Gaventa and Petersen: "How the Bible Was Created," p. 943; "The Canon of the Old Testament," pp. 944-947; and "Cultures of the Ancient Near East", pp. 973-977. This paper is due the first weekend.

Answer the following questions about each of the three articles:

1. What seemed to you to be the primary thesis of this article?
What made you think this was the author's primary thesis?
2. What new ideas or important facts did you gain from reading this article?
3. Where were you confused by the article? Where did you disagree with the article?
Explain each confusion or disagreement.
4. How will the reading of this article affect your preaching? your teaching of the Bible? your life?

Since the three articles are of different lengths, your reactions to the articles also may vary in length. Your entire paper (reacting to all three articles) should be at least five pages long but not more than eight. *You should write your paper in your own words. Any quotation from the articles should be brief and duly footnoted. Your paper should also be written in complete sentences, containing correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and should be turned in on time. Late papers will be graded down.*

The Mid-Course Project

A mid-course project will be assigned during the first weekend of the course and will be due the Friday of the second weekend of the course. Late papers will be graded down.

The Test

A test will be given the Saturday of the second weekend of the course. The questions may come from the Bible, the textbook, the handouts given out in class, and the material covered in class. As you take the test, you may consult the Bible, the textbook, the handouts, and the notes you took in class.

PreCourse / MidCourse / PostCourse Work Policy

We all have deadlines that govern our lives. It is crucial that you take seriously your commitment to complete the pre-work assignments by the deadline. Extensions are

granted only for extenuating circumstances. Normal pastoral duties do not constitute extenuating circumstances. Late work will be penalized. Any extension must be granted by the instructor of the class. For your protection, please keep copies of your pre-work assignments.

- All PreCourse and MidCourse work must be submitted to the professor by the date indicated on the syllabus or assigned by the professor on the first weekend. Late PreCourse/midcourse work will be accepted for two weeks following the due date (but not beyond) with the following penalties:
 1. **PreCourse/MidCourse** work submitted within one week of the due date will receive a **one letter grade deduction**
 2. **PreCourse/MidCourse** work submitted after one week of the due date but within two weeks will receive a **two-letter grade deduction**
 3. **No assignments** will be accepted after two weeks from the due date and a grade of “F” will be given in the course.
 4. **In cases where the student has registered late the same policy applies.**
- **PostCourse** work may be assigned in some courses. Post course work will be due no later than two weeks after the completion of the second weekend of the course. **No** late submissions will be accepted.

Grading System

The Pre-Course Paper 30%
The Mid-Course Paper 20%
Class Participation 25%
The Test 25%