



Syllabus

SCS 100 Overview Hebrew Scriptures

Course Overview

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Course Description

The Hebrew Scriptures (known as the “Old Testament” in the Christian world) are at the root of three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Hebrew Scriptures are a collection of fascinating and sometimes confusing stories, poetry, wisdom sayings and inspired visions. While some stories in Hebrew Scriptures are little known outside scholarly circles, others have become commonplace in conversation, e.g. “David vs. Goliath.” Students will explore the history and development of Hebrew Scriptures, thereby acquiring a solid foundation for continuing study and exploration.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the experience, learners will be able to:

- Identify parts and origins of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Identify the writers and the times of the writings.
- Compare time periods and explain their significance.

Required Text/Readings

- Borg, Marcus J. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously But not Literally*. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 2015.
- *The Bible* - in one of the following translations. (The NRSV: New Revised Standard Version; or the NET: New English Translation) Online: Bible Gateway <https://www.biblegateway.com>

Live Class Sessions

All times listed in Central Time

July 2024

1. Wednesday, July 17 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
2. Wednesday, July 24 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
3. Wednesday, July 31 – No live class

August 2024

4. Wednesday, August 7 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
5. Wednesday, August 14 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
6. Wednesday, August 21 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
7. Wednesday, August 28 – No live class
8. Wednesday, September 4 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.