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# Syllabus

# SCS 100 Overview: Hebrew Scriptures

## Course Overview

### Course Instructor

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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.

### Course Learning Objectives

By the end of the course 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.
- Explain how the Hebrew Scriptures can present the story of the evolution of the consciousness of humankind.

## Required Books

- Borg, Marcus J. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. 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)

## Live Collaborate Class Sessions

*All times Central Time (CT) Zone*

### January 2019

1. Wednesday, January 23 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT
2. Wednesday, January 30 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT

### February 2019

3. Wednesday, February 6 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT
4. Wednesday, February 13 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT
5. Wednesday, February 20 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT
6. Wednesday, February 27 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT

### March 2019

7. Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT