

BA2030P/ BA3030P: Prophets and their Writings
BA2039P/BA3039P

Semester 2: Intensive

Semester 2: online

Description

This unit will engage in a critical study of the prophetic literature of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. It will examine the prophetic writings against their varied historical, social, political and religious contexts, and will also explore critical issues associated with their interpretation. The unit examines the major theological and ethical themes of the prophetic writings and critically evaluates their contemporary relevance. Special attention is given to a select collection of prophetic texts. The course aims to develop exegetical and interpretive confidence through the critical and creative application of varied methods of analysis to a range of prophetic texts.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that Level 2 students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the distinctive writings of the biblical prophets from the pre-exilic, exilic and post-exilic periods
2. demonstrate an understanding of critical issues associated with the interpretation of prophetic literature
3. discuss the contextual nature of prophecy in the social, political and religious life of Israel
4. discuss major theological and ethical themes in the prophetic literature and critically evaluate their contemporary relevance.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that Level 3 students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the distinctive writings of the biblical prophets from the pre-exilic, exilic and post-exilic periods
2. identify and explain the critical issues associated with the interpretation of prophetic literature, drawing on secondary literature
3. analyse the contextual nature of prophecy in the social, political and religious life of Israel
4. interpret major theological and ethical themes in the prophetic literature and critically evaluate their contemporary relevance.

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Assessment						
Level 2 classroom-based:		Weighting
Structural Analysis of a Prophetic Book (1000 words)		20%
Essay (2000 words)	...	...	...	...		40%
Exegetical Essay (2000 words)	...	...	...	...	...	40%
Level 3 classroom-based:	...	...	...	...		Weighting
Structural Analysis of a Prophetic Book (1000 words)	...	...	...	...		20%
Essay (2500 words)	...	...	...	...		40%
Exegetical Essay (2500 words)	...	...	...	...	...	40%
Level 2 online:	...	...	...	...		Weighting
Engagement in online tutorial forums and tasks (1000 words)	...	...	...	...		20%
Essay (2000 words)	...	...	...	...		40%
Exegetical Essay (2000 words)	...	...	...	...	...	40%
Level 3 online:	...	...	...	...		Weighting
Engagement in online tutorial forums and tasks (1000 words)		20%
Essay (2500 words)		40%
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Lecturer						
Monica Melanchthon						

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Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that Level 2 students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a critical, in-depth understanding of the distinctive writings of the biblical prophets from the pre-exilic, exilic and post-exilic periods
2. articulate and analyse critical issues associated with the interpretation of prophetic literature, drawing on secondary literature
3. evaluate the contextual nature of prophecy in the social, political and religious life of Israel
4. assess theological and ethical themes in the prophetic literature and critically evaluate their contemporary relevance
5. demonstrate advanced skills in Old Testament critical method through exegesis and interpretation of various prophetic texts

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Online :	Weighting
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Exegetical Essay (2500 words)	40%

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