

Course Requirements

1. Reading (20%)

- A. The entire contents of the books of 1 Samuel to Song of Songs are to be read, in any version desired. International students may read the Bible in their own language. *Each book must be read at one sitting. This is an essential part of the course experience and may not be waived.*
- B. The corresponding chapters in each textbook are to be read on the days the Biblical books are covered.

Note: All readings must be completed by the beginning of the class period in which they are assigned. They will be accounted for using the forms at the end of the syllabus.

2. Worksheets (40%)

Eight worksheets are to be completed and handed in at class time on the dates indicated. These should be typed, double-spaced, with ragged right margins, no larger than 12-point type. These usually will be on important passages, and most will cover a different aspect of the exegetical task (grammatical, literary, theological, practical, etc.). Because these worksheets will be discussed in class, late submissions are not accepted. (Circumstances that a congregation would accept for a pastor's missing a Sunday sermon may allow for rare exceptions.) The lowest worksheet (or one missed) will be dropped.

3. Exams (40%)

Two unit exams (non-cumulative) will be given, according to the schedule below. These will be out-of-class exams, and procedures will be announced in class for taking them. They will cover the Bible reading, textbook readings, worksheets, and class lectures and discussions. Study guides for these exams are posted on the "Classes" page of the professor's Web site.

Grading Summary

Reading	20%
Worksheets	40%
Exam I	20%
Exam II	<u>20%</u>
	100%

Grading Scale

93-100%	A
86-92%	B
78-85%	C
70-77%	D
0 - 69%	F

Note: Because of the obvious educational benefits to oneself, as well as common courtesy to others, regular and on-time class attendance are expected. Unexcused absences beyond two class periods will result in a grade reduction. An average student should expect to invest ca.120 hours in this class in order to achieve an average grade. Individual outcomes, of course, may vary.

COURSE SCHEDULE (OT 112)

- Jan 5 Course Introduction
Introduction to Old Testament Historical Narrative - I
- Jan 7 Introduction to Old Testament Historical Narrative - II
Read: Howard, chap. 1
- Jan 12 1-2 Samuel
Read: 1-2 Samuel
Due: *Worksheet 1*
- Jan 14 1-2 Samuel
Read: Howard, chap. 5
- Jan 19 1-2 Kings
Read: 1-2 Kings
Howard, chaps. 6-7
- Jan 21 1-2 Kings
Due: *Worksheet 2*
- Jan 26 1-2 Chronicles
Read: 1-2 Chronicles
- Jan 28 1-2 Chronicles
Read: Howard, chap. 8
Due: *Worksheet 3*
- Feb 2, 4, 9, 11 **NO CLASS: Study Break**
Assignment: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
Read: Howard, chaps. 9, 10

EXAM 1	Due: Feb 16
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- Feb 16 Introduction to Hebrew Poetry
Read: Bullock, chap. 4
“The Student, the Fish, & Agassiz” (on the class Web site)
- Feb 18 Introduction to the Psalter - I
Read: Psalms 1-72
- Feb 23 Psalms 1 and 2
Due: *Worksheet 4*

- Feb 25 Introduction to the Psalter - II
Read: Psalms 73-150
G. Wilson, "The Shape of the Book of Psalms,"
Interpretation 46 (1992), 129-42.
Due: *Worksheet 5*
- Mar 2 Psalms: Praises
- Mar 4 Psalms: Lament
Read: S. Carney, "God Damn God: A Reflection on Expressing Anger
in Prayer," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (Oct 1983), 116-20.
Due: *Worksheet 6*
- Mar 9 Introduction to Wisdom Literature
Wisdom in the Ancient Near East
Read: "A Man and His God" (*ANET*, 589-91); "The Babylonian
Theodicy" (*ANET*, 601-4)
Due: *Worksheet 7*
- Mar 11 Proverbs
Read: Proverbs
Due: *Worksheet 8*
Read: Bullock, chap. 5
- Mar 16 Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs; Job
Read: Bullock, chaps. 6, 7, 3
- Mar 18 Exam 2 due

EXAM 2	Due: March 18
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OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

JOB

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

ECCLESIASTES; SONG OF SONGS

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

PROVERBS

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

PSALMS 73-150

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

PSALMS 1-72

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ Date: _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

EZRA-NEHEMIAH-ESTHER

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ **Date:** _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

1-2 CHRONICLES

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ **Date:** _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

1-2 KINGS

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____

OT 102: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND TEXTBOOKS)

Name (printed) _____ **Date:** _____

I have completed the assigned Bible and textbook readings for the following book(s):

1-2 SAMUEL

This was done

Completely and on time _____
Completely, but late _____
Partially and on time _____
Partially, and late _____
