



## Required Textbooks

1. *The Bible*. Any modern version is acceptable.
2. Raymond B. Dillard and Tremper Longman, III, *An Introduction to the Old Testament (IOT)*. Zondervan, 1994.
3. Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Narrative*. Basic Books, 1981.

It is assumed that students own the following tools; if not, these too must be purchased:

4. K. Elliger, ed., *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart, 1967/1977.
5. F. Brown, S. R. Driver, and C. A. Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Oxford, 1910; Hendrickson, 1979.

## Course Requirements

### 1. Reading (20%)

- A. The entire contents of the books of Genesis through Ruth 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 the *IOT* textbook (chaps. 2-9) are to be read on the days the Biblical books are covered.
- C. The textbook by Alter is to be read on the dates indicated below.

All readings must be done by the beginning of the class period in which they are assigned. They must be accounted for using the forms at the end of the syllabus. Late reading reports will not be accepted more than one week after they are due.

### 2. Worksheets (40%)

Eight worksheets are to be completed and handed in at class time on the dates indicated. These should be typed (when possible), 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%)

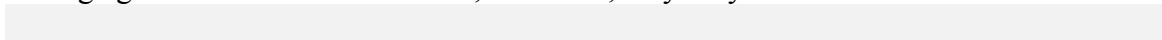
Two unit exams (non-cumulative) will be given. They will cover the Bible reading, textbook readings, worksheets, and class lectures and discussions. Study guides for these exams are available on the professor's Web site.

**Grading Summary**

**Grading Scale**

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| Reading    | 20%        | 93-100% | A |
| Worksheets | 40%        | 86-92%  | B |
| Exam I     | 20%        | 78-85%  | C |
| Exam II    | <u>20%</u> | 70-77%  | D |
|            | 100%       | 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 one week's worth of classes 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.



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| <b>COURSE SCHEDULE (OT 111)</b> |
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| Sep 24    | Course Introduction<br>Introduction to the Old Testament |   |
| Sep 26    | Introduction to Genesis<br>Genesis 1                     | <b>READ:</b> Genesis 1-50   |
| Oct 1     | Genesis 2-11   | <b>WORKSHEET 1:</b> Genesis 1   |
| Oct 3     | Reading OT Narrative - I                                 | <b>READ:</b> “The Student, the Fish, & Agassiz”<br>(available on professor’s Web site);<br>Alter, chaps. 1-2<br><b>WORKSHEET 2:</b> Genesis 6-9   |
| Oct 8     | Genesis 12-50  | <b>WORKSHEET 3:</b> Abrahamic Covenant  |
| Oct 10    | NO CLASS   | TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH SERIES  |
| Oct 15    | Exodus 1-12  | <b>READ:</b> Exodus 1-40  |
| Oct 17    | Exodus 13-40   | <b>WORKSHEET 4:</b> Exodus 14-15  |
| Oct 20-31 | NO CLASS   | FALL STUDY BREAK  |
| Nov 5     | Leviticus-Numbers  | <b>READ:</b> Leviticus 1-27; Numbers 1-36<br><b>WORKSHEET 5:</b> TBA  |
| Nov 7     | <b>EXAM I</b>  |   |
| Nov 12    | Deuteronomy 1-34   | <b>READ:</b> Deuteronomy 1-34<br><b>WORKSHEET 6:</b> Deuteronomy 5  |
| Nov 14    | Joshua   | <b>READ:</b> Joshua 1-24  |
| Nov 19*   | Interpreting OT Law                                      |   |
| Nov 21*   | Reading OT Narrative – II                                | <b>READ:</b> Alter, chaps. 3-5<br><b>*Note:</b> The professor will be gone on these dates, so the class will not meet.<br>These two lectures are available on the professor’s Web site. |
| Nov 26    | Joshua   | <b>WORKSHEET 7:</b> Joshua Outline  |
| Nov 28    | NO CLASS   | THANKSGIVING BREAK  |
| Dec 3     | Judges-Ruth<br>Reading OT Narrative – III                | <b>READ:</b> Judges 1-21; Ruth 1-4<br><b>READ:</b> Alter, chaps. 6-8<br><b>WORKSHEET 8:</b> Kingship in Judges-Ruth   |
| Dec 5     | <b>EXAM II</b>   |   |

**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (Alter)**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed reading **Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Narrative*, chaps. 6-8.**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (Alter)**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed reading **Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Narrative*, chaps. 3-5.**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (Alter)**

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed reading **Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Narrative*, chaps. 1-2.**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**RUTH**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**JUDGES**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**JOSHUA**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**DEUTERONOMY**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**NUMBERS**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**LEVITICUS**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

**OT 111: READING REPORT FORM (BIBLE AND *IOT*)**

**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**EXODUS**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the Bible and *IOT* readings for the following book:

**GENESIS**

This was done

Completely and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Completely, but late \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially and on time \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially, and late \_\_\_\_\_

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