

**NTST684 (2-3)**

A study of the Jewish background of the New Testament, including the contemporary history, culture, religion, and literature.

**NTST689 (2-3)**

Particular topics announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

**LANGUAGES****NTST551 (2)**

An introduction to the grammar and syntax of New Testament Greek for students without a working knowledge of the language. Not credited toward the MDiv degree, but must be counted as 3 credits in course load.

**NTST552 (3)**

Completes the coverage of grammar and syntax and includes extensive reading in the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTST551 or equivalent.

**NTST608 (2-3)**

An intense and rigorous course to give students high proficiency in the Koine Greek of the New Testament and cognate literature. It presupposes a knowledge of vocabulary and paradigms equivalent to that attained by successfully completing NTST552.

**NTST618 (2-3)**

Basic elements of grammar and syntax with a practical vocabulary; attaining proficiency in reading to enable continued independent study; comparisons with Hebrew for a better understanding of biblical Hebrew in its Semitic setting. Repeatable.

**NTST665 (2-3)**

Basic elements of Coptic grammar and syntax, readings in the Coptic New Testament and other Coptic literature.

**NTST696 (2-3)**

Selected readings in and analysis of various sources such as the Greek New Testament, Septuagint, papyri, Josephus, Philo, Apostolic Fathers, or related texts. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES****NTST690 (1-4)**

Research on an individual basis dealing with problems in the field of the New Testament. Open only to students who have completed basic courses in New Testament. Repeatable. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

**NTST890 (1-8)**

Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

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**Courses****(Credits)**

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**OTST500 (2-3)**

An introductory survey of the history, literature, and backgrounds of the Old Testament for students who have not had such a course on the college level.

**OTST515 (2-3)**

An introduction to the languages and/or culture and history of the Middle East, this course is designed to provide a practical general background for students who plan to conduct work or research on or in selected Middle Eastern countries. Repeatable.

**OTST570 (2-3)**

Covers selected books/passages of the Old Testament, based primarily on the English text with reference to the Hebrew/Aramaic original, normally offered off campus for the MA Min. students and others who have not taken Hebrew. Not applicable for MDiv credit. Repeatable.

**OTST607 (2-3)**

An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to CHMN607.

**OTST640 (2-3)**

A non-technical survey of the text transmission from antiquity to the present. The terminology and particularities of recent Hebrew Bible editions. Examination in various modern translations of Old Testament passages of textual and theological interest.

**OTST659 (2-3)**

A study of selected issues such as the formation of the Old Testament canon, questions of introduction, historicity of Genesis 1-11, Messianism, and Old Testament eschatology. Repeatable.

**OTST820 (3)**

Detailed comparative textual examination of challenging Old Testament passages involving the ancient versions and Qumran,



for one of the following languages: Sumerian, Akkadian, Egyptian, Ugaritic, Hittite, Syriac, and Coptic. Language announced in advance. Prerequisite: OTST552 or its equivalent. Repeatable.

**OTST625 (2-3)**

The reading of substantial portions of various types of prose and poetry in the Hebrew Bible, with attention to matters of syntax. Prerequisite: OTST551 and 552 or their equivalent. Repeatable.

**OTST654 (2-3)**

Study of the essentials of grammar and syntax (with some reference to biblical Hebrew) coordinated with reading and analysis of a substantial part of the Aramaic portions of the Bible. Prerequisite: OTST552 or its equivalent.

**OTST658 (2-3)**

A study of Ancient Near Eastern languages and/or texts not offered in other courses. Prerequisite: OTST552 or its equivalent. Repeatable.

**OTST660 (2-3)**

Reading of selected texts in the Septuagint and learning how to use the apparatus in the standard editions of the Septuagint. Prerequisite: NTST552 and OTST552 or their equivalent.

## **HEBREW/ARAMAIC EXEGESIS**

Language prerequisites for courses in this section should be noted carefully.

**OTST545 (2-3)**

Exegetical study in selected portions of Daniel. Prerequisite: Must have met the intermediate Hebrew requirement.

**OTST550 (3)**

Interpretation of the Nevi'im (Prophets, except Daniel) and Ketubim (Writings) and exegetical study in selected portions of their divisions/books. Prerequisite: Must have met the intermediate Hebrew requirement or be enrolled in OTST552. Repeatable.

**OTST565 (3)**

Interpretation of the Torah (Pentateuch) and exegetical study in selected portions of its books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy). Prerequisite: Must have met the beginning Hebrew requirement or be enrolled in OTST551.

**OTST626 (2-3)**

Readings in classical religious texts of Judaism. Sources include liturgical, Hellenistic, Rabbinic, and Medieval texts. Required languages vary according to the subject matter. Repeatable. Identical to NTST626.

**OTST628 (2-3)**

Introduction to the Masoretic text (Masora, accents, apparatus)

and to the various methods and tools of exegesis; provides basic training in applying the exegetical work to selected passages of the Hebrew Bible.

**OTST639 (2-3)**

Exegetical studies in selected sections or themes of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: Must have met the intermediate Hebrew requirement. Repeatable.

**OTST680 (2-3)**

Exegesis of selected passages in the Old Testament. Content announced in advance. Repeatable. Prerequisite: Biblical Hebrew III and at least one Hebrew exegesis course with a grade of A.

**OTST680n to the Masoretic text (Masora, accents, apparatus, Leviticus, C)**

Advanced work on selected passages on the Old Testament; build-Testament. Content announced in advance. Prerequisite: 0 language.