Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS

OBST 592
OLD TESTAMENT ORIENTATION II

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the current status of research in studies relative to the poetic and prophetic books. Special attention will be given to biblical introduction, hermeneutics, and the acquiring of a strategic grasp of the historical setting, literary genres, and structure of each book, as well as areas of particular critical concern.

RATIONALE

OBST 592 is foundational to graduate-level study in the Old Testament under Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. This course focuses on the major literary genres and individual books of the Old Testament and allows students to develop sound interpretive skills in working with the Old Testament so that they can effectively minister to the Church and local community.

I. PREREQUISITES

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
D. The Holy Bible

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Recite the major periods of Old Testament history and the major covenants that God establishes with humanity in the Old Testament.
B. Identify the major events and persons of Old Testament history in their chronological and ancient Near Eastern contexts.
C. Summarize the theme and message of each book covered in this course.
D. Articulate biblical and well-reasoned arguments for an evangelical view of Scripture in interacting with critical perspectives and problems related to the authorship and inspiration of the books covered in this course.

E. Articulate the evidence supporting the historicity of the Old Testament’s record of the major events covered in this course.

F. Demonstrate sound interpretive methodology in working through interpretive and theological issues related to the books covered in this course.

G. Analyze Old Testament texts with literary sensitivity to the genres of prophecy, apocalyptic, poetry, and wisdom literature.

H. Develop relevant life applications related to the message of the Old Testament books covered in this course.

I. Present an informed perspective on his/her understanding of the key issues surrounding the canonicity of the Old Testament.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Bible readings, textbook readings, and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

As the first activity in this course, please read the syllabus and Student Expectations. After reading the syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will then complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

The student will participate in 4 Discussion Board forums, answering the forum questions in a new thread and then replying to at least 2 classmates’ threads. The thread should adhere to the word counts specified in each forum; it should also contain appropriate references cited in Turabian style. The 2 replies should each contain at least 200 words. The forum thread is due by Thursday night of Modules/Weeks 1, 3, 4, and 6; the replies are due by Sunday night of these same modules/weeks.

D. Research Paper

A major part of the student’s work in this course will be devoted to completing an 11–15-page Research Paper, picking one of several topics related to the OT prophets, psalms, or wisdom literature. The student must use at least 6 sources appropriate for graduate-level work. The paper should adhere to Turabian style and include other specific formatting requirements provided in Blackboard.

1. Topic and Bibliography

   The student will submit a Word document providing the topic he/she has chosen for the paper as well as a bibliography of the sources to be used in the paper, formatted according to Turabian style. The RP: Topic and Bibliography is due by the end of Module/Week 4.
2. Submission

The completed Research Paper is due by the end of Module/Week 7.

E. Exams (3)

Throughout the course, the student will take three exams covering the material in each module/week. Each exam contains 34–46 multiple-choice and true/false questions as well as 1 or 2 essay questions. In addition, each exam is open-book/open-notes and must be completed in 2 hours. Exams 1–3 must be taken by the end of Modules/Weeks 2, 5, and 8, respectively.

VI. Course Grading and Policies

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B. Scale

D- = 680–699   F = 679 and below

C. Assignment Policy

Each assignment should be completed by the end of the module in which it is assigned. All late work will be assessed a deduction of 5% per day of the assignment’s point value. Late work may not be penalized at the instructor’s discretion in the event of a military deployment, medical emergency, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances.

D. Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the latest edition of the Turabian style manual (A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations). Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style. All other written assignments should use the footnote citation style. Writing aids are available via the Online Writing Center.

E. Extra Credit

No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

F. Course Changes
Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

G. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport
# Course Schedule

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LaSor: chs. 16–17, 21–22  
4 presentations | Course Requirements Checklist  
Discussion Board Forum 1 | 10  
100 |
| 2           | Jeremiah 1–7, 18–20, 26–39, 50–52  
Ezekiel 1–10, 16–24, 27–28  
LaSor: chs. 24–25  
2 presentations | Exam 1 | 130 |
| 3           | Ezekiel 34–48; Daniel 1–12; Hosea 1–14  
LaSor: chs. 19, 43  
2 presentations; 4 articles | Discussion Board Forum 2 | 100 |
| 4           | Joel 1–3, Amos 1–9, Jonah 1–4,  
Habakkuk 1–3, Nahum 1–3, Zephaniah 1–3,  
Haggai 1–2, Zechariah 1–14  
LaSor: chs. 18, 20, 23, 26–30  
1 presentation; 1 article | Discussion Board Forum 3  
RP: Topic and Bibliography | 100  
30 |
| 5           | Psalms 1–41 (pick 15), 1–2, 16, 20–22, 31–34  
Psalms 45–72 (pick 18), 45–51, 72  
LaSor: ch. 32  
2 presentations | Exam 2 | 130 |
| 6           | Psalms 73–150 (pick 15), 73–80, 93–99, 110,  
132; Proverbs 1–20  
LaSor: chs. 33–34  
2 presentations; 1 article | Discussion Board Forum 4 | 100 |
| 7           | Proverbs 21–31; Job 1–42  
LaSor: ch. 35  
2 presentations | RP: Submission | 180 |
| 8           | Ecclesiastes 1–13, Song of Songs 1–8,  
Lamentations 1–5; LaSor: chs. 36–37, 39, 46  
1 presentation | Exam 3 | 130 |

**Total** | **1010** |

RP = Research Paper

**NOTE:** Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.