BA8701W  Introducing the Hebrew Bible (Online)

Offered:  2015: Semester 2   (Also offered on campus – see BA8001W)

This unit aims to introduce you to the diversity of Old Testament traditions; explore the relationships between theological themes in different historical contexts; develop a familiarity with exegetical tools and methods, using problem-based learning.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. describe the historical and social worlds of the Hebrew Bible,
2. effectively use the tools for biblical interpretation (dictionaries, commentaries, journals, monographs and primary sources),
3. develop and summarise an awareness of, and appreciation for, the history of Hebrew Bible research and a variety of current interpretive approaches, and
4. support theological and hermeneutical applications of the Hebrew Bible within our current context.
5. Undertake postgraduate-level research into the Hebrew Bible, and demonstrate this by writing an exegetical paper using appropriate methods and skills.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Online

Assessment: One 2,500 word essay  (45%)
            One 2,500 word exegesis  (45%)
            1,000 words of online participation, critically responding to set readings  (10%)

Faculty: Mark Brett

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase