BA8001W  Introducing the Hebrew Bible

Offered:  2017: Semester 1  (Also offered online – see BA8701W)

This unit aims to introduce students to the diversity of Old Testament traditions; develop a familiarity with exegetical tools and methods; explore selected theological themes—especially creation, covenant, law, leadership, suffering and ethnicity.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Describe the historical and social worlds of the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible.
2. Demonstrate a working familiarity with a range of exegetical approaches to the Hebrew Bible.
3. Effectively use the tools for biblical interpretation: dictionaries, commentaries, journals, monographs, along with primary sources.
4. Support theological applications of the Hebrew Bible to 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:  Three hours per week

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