

Unit Code
B7214
Unit Name
Pentateuch
Unit Weighting
9 credit points
Type of Unit
Intermediate
Prerequisites, co-requisites or exclusions
9 B credit points
Academic Staff
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Curriculum Objectives
This course unit builds on the foundation unit(s) by examining the forms and content of the Pentateuch. It does so in light of its historical, cultural and religious settings and explores the role of the Pentateuch within the canon and the life of Israel.
Learning Outcomes
At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6) summarize the significant critical issues associated with the study of the Pentateuch including its formation, unity and history 7) identify the themes found within the Pentateuch and their relationships to the development of Israel's faith 8) exegete selected passages from the Pentateuch 9) analyse literary forms and the contribution these forms make to understanding the text 10) demonstrate the application of a theme or text to a contemporary audience or community
Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Formation and composition of the Pentateuch 7. Historical, cultural, religious and political context of the Pentateuch 8. Literary forms within the Pentateuch and their influence on interpretation 9. Theological themes found within the Pentateuch 10. Exegesis of selected passages within the Pentateuch
Teaching Methods
Lectures, tutorials, field work, student presentations, seminars – in class and/or online
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment
Assessment Profile
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A reflective essay on a significant critical issue within the study of the Pentateuch OR an examination question on a significant critical issue within the study of the Pentateuch. [Outcome 1] 5. An essay on a theological theme found in the Pentateuch and its role in the faith of Israel [Outcomes 2, 5] 6. An exegesis of a selected passage from the Pentateuch [Outcomes 3, 4]
Representative References

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