Course Unit Outline

Unit Code

B7231

Unit Name

Prophetic Literature

Unit Weighting

9 cps

Type of Unit

Intermediate unit

Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions

9 Biblical Studies cps

Academic Staff

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The Faculty Register lists all faculty accredited to teach this course unit.

Curriculum Objectives

This course unit builds on the knowledge and skills developed in the prerequisite Biblical Studies units. It examines the literary forms and theological content of Israel's prophetic books, with due consideration of their historical, cultural and religious settings/contexts.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. demonstrate knowledge of the critical issues associated with the study of prophetic literature
- 2. show how various prophetic literary forms communicate their theological content
- 3. exegete selected passages from prophetic books
- 4. utilise the relevant secondary literature in a critical manner
- 5. apply insights of prophetic literature to various aspects of teaching, ministry, and spirituality

Content

- 1. Developing an appropriate context for the study of prophetic literature
- 2. Study of prophetic literary forms and their content/themes
- 3. Exegesis of selected texts from prophetic books
- 4. Aspects of the theology of prophetic books

Teaching Methods

Lectures, tutorials, field work, student presentations, seminars – in class and/or online

Assessment Profile

- 1. Summary of a scholarly work on prophetic literature [Outcome 4]
- 2. An essay showing the development of a particular theological theme in one of the prophetic books [Outcomes 1, 2, 4]
- 3. Exegesis of a prophetic passage using an accepted methodology [Outcomes 3, 4, 5]

Representative References

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