
CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-009 THE OLD TESTAMENT

COURSE OUTLINE

The Old Testament will introduce participants to the three worlds of historical background, literary features, and interpretive possibilities of the Old Testament; survey the major divisions of the Bible; and present examples of how to interpret the Bible using contemporary methodologies.

General Course Objectives

1. Old Testament Introduction.
2. The Pentateuch.
3. The Historical Books.
4. The Wisdom Books.
5. The Prophets.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: Old Testament Introduction

- Learn about the Historical Context of Israel.
- Consider the Geography, Climate and Political and Religious Situation of Palestine.
- Understand the Jewish Scriptures and the Christian Old Testament.

Week 2: The Pentateuch

- Learn about the Sources of the Pentateuch.
- Understand the Mythical Prehistory, Ancestral Narratives, and the Law of the Pentateuch.

Week 3: The Historical Books

- Learn about the Deuteronomistic History and the Narrative of the History Books.
- Consider Judges and the Historical Novels.

Week 4: The Wisdom Books

- Learn about the Wisdom Books and Writings.
- Consider the Wisdom Writings of Job, the Psalms, and Proverbs.

Week 5: The Prophets

- Learn about the Prophets and the History of Prophecy in Israel.
- Consider the Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel.

Textbooks

[Wetherup, Ronald. *The Bible Companion - A Catholic Handbook for Beginners*. The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2009.](#)

[Dowley, Tim. *The Student Bible Atlas*. Augsburg, Minneapolis.](#)

References

Online Resources

[*The Holy Bible*.](#)

Assessment

The Old Testament consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.