



Course Syllabus

LBLT 111 ADV— Christian Life through Biblical Engagement I: Old Testament
2 Credit hours

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The redemptive story of the Bible from Genesis to Malachi, providing the foundation and context for the New Testament revelation of Jesus Christ as God's Son and Savior of the world. The Old Testament will be seen as vital to Christian living—with Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and God's people providing our standards, our empowerment, and our life-sharing fellowship. Special attention will be given to major events, themes, and characters of the Old Testament.

Prerequisite: None

II. ACADEMIC MISSION

Oral Roberts University's academic mission is to transform students by the power of the Holy Spirit into whole, competent servant-leaders through liberal arts and professional education that is fully Christian. Within a Spirit-filled healing community, administration, faculty, and staff love and serve students by helping them grow in knowledge, skills, wisdom, character, and spirit.

Student transformation is measured through the evaluation of student expression of University learning outcomes as demonstrated through accompanying proficiencies and capacities.

Spiritually alive Biblical Literacy; Spiritual Formation.

Intellectually alert Critical thinking, Creativity, and Aesthetic Appreciation; Global and Historical Perspectives; Information Literacy; Knowledge of the Physical and Natural World

Physically disciplined Healthy Lifestyle; Physically Disciplined Lifestyle

Socially adept Ethical Reasoning and Behavior; Intercultural Knowledge and Engagement; Written and Oral Communication; Leadership Capacity.

Professionally competent Discipline-specific proficiencies listed under Program Outcomes.

The last page of this syllabus, "COURSE INVENTORY for ORU's Course Objectives," indicates how this course supports ORU's academic mission and ORU's whole-person approach to learning outcomes.

III. PROGRAM OUTCOMES

This course is a General Education requirement offered by the Undergraduate Theology Department. It aligns with the Spiritually Alive outcome of ORU's Whole Person Assessment model. Specifically, this course addresses two proficiencies:

- 1A Biblical Literacy – The ability to know, understand, and interpret the Scriptures accurately in order to better follow Christ and live a successful Spirit-filled life.
- 1B Spiritual Formation – The transformational process of becoming more like Jesus Christ in pursuing God's will through thought, speech, and action by the power of the Holy Spirit.

IV. COURSE GOALS

To familiarize students with the contents of the Old Testament—its overall historical narrative and other literary forms (prophecy, poetry, etc.) that together make up God's message to us. The cultural, historical, and geographical background aims to provide a solid basis for life-long study of Scripture. Selected portions of the Old Testament will be part of the required reading, aimed at seeing the transformative power of Scripture as well as its informative function. The various themes of the Old Testament are highlighted related to their importance to our present New Testament relationship with God as his people. Personal interaction with Scripture will be encouraged through exercises from the textbooks, focusing on selected Bible passages and specific personal responses.

V. COURSE OBJECTIVES

After successfully completing this course, the student should be able to:

1. Organize the major people and books of the Bible related to a chronological and historical structure.
2. Interpret a passage from the Old Testament to show its relevance to the student's spiritual quest.
3. Evaluate how the people of ancient Israel sought God's wisdom, and its implications for Spirit-filled living today.

V. TEXTBOOK AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

Before you purchase your required textbook(s), click on the ORU Bookstore link to verify whether these titles are provided as digital textbooks through a Follett Access course fee. <http://www.bkstr.com/oralrobertsstore/home>

Required Materials

Textbooks*:

Harris, Stephen. 2014. *Exploring the Bible*. 2nd Edition. New York, McGraw-Hill Higher Education. [Print ISBN: 9780078038402; e-Text ISBN: 9780077519292.]

Walton, John H. 2006. *The Essential Bible Companion: Key Insights for Reading God's Word*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. [Print ISBN: 99780310266624; e-Text ISBN: 9780310303268].

**BLT 122, a parallel course to this, uses these same textbooks to study the New Testament.*

Required Online Resources:

Listen: For most of human history, the Bible was heard through the spoken word. Students should listen to the NIV Bible in English via their computer or mobile devices, for free, through this portal: YouVersion ([computer](#) or install [mobile app](#)).

Optional Materials

Textbooks:

Coogan, Michael D., ed. *The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Edition with the Apocrypha*. 4th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (ISBN: 978019528559)

You may use any Bible in this course; however, the NRSV is recommended by ORU's College of Theology and Ministry.

VII. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. University Policies and Procedures

1. **Plagiarism:** The ORU Catalog explicitly addresses the issue of plagiarism. Make sure you know [ORU's policy on plagiarism](#) and [what is considered plagiarism](#).
2. **Privacy:** By law, students are entitled to privacy regarding their records. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended and available in the [ORU University Catalog](#), sets forth requirements designed to protect the privacy of student education records. The law governs access to records maintained by educational institutions and the release of information from those records.
3. **Whole Person Assessment Requirements:**
 - a. Specify which, if any, Whole Person Assessment requirements there are for this course.
Project 5: Invitation to a Journey Essay ✕
 - b. Artifacts not submitted electronically or incorrectly submitted receive a zero for that assignment.

B. School and/or Department Policies and Procedures

1. **Participation**

Participation in each online class through discussion, assignments, and all other course activities count as your attendance in the course. Lack of participation can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course.
2. **Class Assignments**
 - a. Students need to have the appropriate textbooks, course materials, and other supplies as designated by the professor.
 - b. Professors may refuse to accept an assignment if it has inappropriate content, does not meet the assignment's criteria (e.g., not typed, incorrectly documented), is incomplete, is suspected of plagiarism, or is turned in too late.
3. **Late Work**
 - a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and materials, and all work is expected to be completed as scheduled. The professor may not accept late work, or it may result in a lower grade. Computer or Internet malfunctions do not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it completed, edited, and proofread prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
 - b. Generally, assignments missed from a serious sickness or family crises can be made up and the instructor should be notified as soon as possible to reach an agreement on due dates and possible penalties. Each instructor has his or her own late-work policy. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work.
4. **Incompletes**

On rare occasions, the grade of "I" may be given for work that is incomplete at the time grades are given. It is given only after the instructor and the department chair or college dean approve a petition submitted by the student that his or her work is incomplete for good cause. Good cause typically consists of a catastrophic event in which the student is prevented from completing the course requirements. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate the petition through <http://petitions.oru.edu>, make up any incomplete work, and ask the instructor to submit a grade change to the registrar. If the work is not completed by the end of the subsequent session, the incomplete will automatically convert to an "F." For graduating seniors, the degree will be awarded in the term that the student completes his or her course work, not the final term of enrollment.
5. **Citations**

Textbook(s) and materials for the course are listed using standard [citation style](#) (APA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian, etc.). Since other styles may be used in disciplines other than the one used in this course or school, the [ORU Citing and Documenting Sources](#) pages offer a collection of styles students may choose from. This course asks that students be consistent in whatever style they use throughout the course.

C. Online Programs Policies and Procedures

1. **Communicating with your Instructor:** All email communication between students and faculty will be through their ORU.edu emails.
2. **Learning Community:** Online learning community is established through active participation in the threaded weekly discussions. The mutual exchange of ideas, information, and experiences is an essential part of the learning process, and students are encouraged to use the discussion forum as virtual classroom platform.
3. **ADA and Students with Disabilities:**
 - Click here (<http://www.brightspace.com/about/accessibility/>) to view Desire2Learn's "Accessibility Resources for Students with Disabilities."
 - Students requiring Disability Services from ORU, please click here: [Request Disability Services](#)
 - Desire2Learn (D2L) Accessibility Guidelines and Checklist: <https://goo.gl/Ck4RwY>
 - D2L Accessibility Policy: <https://www.d2l.com/accessibility/>
4. **Useful Links for Online Students:**
 - [Student Learning Glossary](#)
 - Library: <http://library.oru.edu>.
 - D2L Helpdesk: d2lhelp@oru.edu
 - I.T. Student Helpdesk: studenthelpdesk@oru.edu
 - [Netiquette and Online Discussions](#): <https://goo.gl/f744AY>
 - Contact the University: please [fill out this online form](#). Please first contact your instructor for assistance with any matter specific to the course.

D. Course Policies and Procedures

1. **Evaluation Procedures:** The final grade is based on the weight of each item is included in the Course Calendar. Extra credit is not offered in this course.

Grade Weight	Category
21%	Forums
28%	Quizzes
52%	Projects
100%	

2. **Evaluation Procedure:**
A=90-100% B=80-89% C=70-79% D=60-69% F=59% and below.
3. **Other Policies and/or Procedures**
None

VIII. COURSE CALENDAR

The Course Calendar shows the specific learning activities and assessments for this course, along with their respective grade weights. The far-right column lists the Course Objectives (CO) that support the corresponding Assessment in column 2. Further descriptions for activities and assessments are in their respective weeks in D2L. When applicable, ¥ Indicates this is a Whole Person Assessment item. † indicates this is a faith integration item tracked by the program.

Unit 1	Bible & History	Hours	Weight	CO
	Read/View/Listen	5	--	--
	Forum 1: Historical Books of the OT	2	3%	1
	Quiz 1: The Hebrew Bible	2	4%	1
	Project 1: Biblical Literacy	3	7%	3
Unit 2	Abraham & Promise			
	Read/View/Listen	5	--	--
	Forum 2: Call of Abraham	2	3%	2
	Quiz 2: Primeval & Patriarchal Era	2	4%	1
	Project 2: Reflection Paper: Joseph †	3	7%	2
Unit 3	Moses & Covenant			
	Read/View/Listen	5	--	--
	Forum 3: Exodus into Wilderness	2	3%	2
	Quiz 3: Mosaic & Pre-monarchical Eras	2	4%	1
	Project 3: Bible History Timeline #1	3	7%	1
Unit 4	David & Kingdom			
	Read/View/Listen	5	--	--
	Forum 4: David & Saul	2	3%	2
	Quiz 4: Davidic Era	2	4%	1
	Project 4: Bible History Timeline #2	3	7%	1
Unit 5	Solomon & Wisdom			
	Read/View/Listen	4	--	--
	Forum 5: Wisdom Literature	2	3%	3
	Quiz 5: Sapiential Era	2	4%	1
	Project 5: Invitation to a Journey - Essay ¥	6	23%	3
Unit 6	Jeremiah & Exile			
	Read/View/Listen	5	--	--
	Forum 6: Prophetic Books of OT	2	3%	2
	Quiz 6: Exilic Times	2	4%	1
Unit 7	Ezra & Return			
	Read/View/Listen	4	--	--
	Forum 7: Return from Exile	2	3%	2
	Quiz 7: Post-Exilic Times	2	4%	1
Course Total	7-week courses require 12 hours a week 15-week courses require 6 hours a week	79	100%	

IX. COURSE INVENTORY

For ORU's Student Learning Outcomes

LBLT 111 – Christian Life through Biblical Engagement I: Old Testament

This course contributes to ORU's university outcomes as indicated below:

Significant Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

Moderate Contribution – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

Minimal Contribution – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

No Contribution – Does not address the outcome.

ORU defines each outcome and proficiencies/capacities listed below in this [Gen Ed Outcomes paper](#).

OUTCOMES & Proficiencies/Capacities		Significant Contribution	Moderate Contribution	Minimal Contribution	No Contribution
1	Outcome #1 – Spiritually Alive Proficiencies/Capacities				
1A	Biblical literacy	X			
1B	Spiritual Formation	X			
2	Outcome #2 – Intellectually Alert Proficiencies/Capacities				
2A	Critical thinking, creativity, and aesthetics		X		
2B	Global & historical perspectives	X			
2C	Information literacy	X			
2D	Knowledge of the physical and natural world			X	
3	Outcome #3 – Physically Disciplined Proficiencies/Capacities				
3A	Healthy lifestyle				X
3B	Physically disciplined lifestyle				X
4	Outcome #4 – Socially Adept Proficiencies/Capacities				
4A	Ethical reasoning and behavior		X		
4B	Intercultural knowledge and engagement		X		
4C	Written and Oral Communication	X			
4D	Leadership capacity			X	

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