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UNIT OBJECTIVES

This course unit aims to introduce students to the literary forms, historical and cultural contexts and theological themes of the Old Testament. It seeks to provide a foundation for further biblical and theological study.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Demonstrate a general understanding of the overall structure and contents of the Old Testament

2. Identify the literary shape, themes, social and historical background of the individual books of the Old Testament

3. Employ critical methodologies in the interpretation of Old Testament texts

4. Access secondary literature

5. Convey the relevance of the Old Testament to Christian life and the contemporary world

CONTENT

1. Introduction to the Canon

2. Introductory questions of each book of the Old Testament (authorship, date, historical, political and cultural contexts, etc.)

3. Structure and outline of the major books of the Old Testament

4. Literary genres of Old Testament literature

5. Key theological themes of the Old Testament collection

6. Critical approaches to Old Testament interpretation

SESSION DATES & TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9:30am – 4:00pm

On the following days:

28th – 30th January

23rd – 24th May

COST & REGISTRATION

Unit Costs:

Award Students $1700

Non-Award Students $1700

Audit Students $500

CISSA Fee $10

Registration closes:

11 December, 2014

If you are a continuing Catholic Institute of Sydney student, simply register for the course in person as per usual during Registration Week (Week 13). Information regarding Registration Week is posted on the Registry Noticeboard and the CIS website.

All other students interested in registering in this unit should contact:

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