

Prophetic Literature

7.1 Module Overview									
Module Number		Module Title	Prophetic Literature						
Stage of Principal Programme			2	Semester	1	Duration. (Weeks F/T)	12	ECTS	5
Mandatory / Elective (M/E)	E	Hours of Learner Effort / Week	2						
Analysis of required hours of learning effort									
Teaching and Learning Modalities						✓if relevant to this module	Approx. proportion of total (hours)		
Contact Hours									
In person face-to-face						✓	24		
Synchronous									
Indirect/Non-Contact Hours									
Asynchronous									
Work Based									
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> independent reading, engagement with VLE, research and preparation of assessments 						✓	101		
Total							125		

Pre-Requisite Module, if any. Module # and Title	The Bible: Interpretation & Inspiration
Co-Requisite Module, if any. Module # and Title	N/A
Maximum number of learners per instance of the module	120
Specification of the qualifications (academic, pedagogical and professional/occupational) and experience required of staff working in this module.	
Role e.g., Tutor, Mentor, Lecturer, Research Supervisor, etc.	Qualifications & experience required
Lecturer	A minimum level 9 qualification in Theology/Biblical Studies or closely cognate area
	Staff - Learner Ratio X:Y
	1:120

Assessment Techniques – percentage contribution					
Continuous Assessment	40%	Proctored Exam – in person	60%	Practical Skills Based	
Project		Proctored Exam - online		Work Based	
Capstone (Y/N)?	N	If Yes, describe			

7.2 Minimum Intended Module Learning Outcomes (MIMLOs)	
MIMLO	Related MIPLO #
On completion of this module a learner will be able to:	
1. Explain what a prophet is, describe a prophet's role in society, and discuss the phenomenon of prophecy in Israel and in the Ancient Near East.	1, 2, 4
2. Outline the ministry and message of the individual prophets.	1
3. Be aware of the contribution of the prophets to the religious and social life in Israel and Judah.	1, 2, 8

7.3 Indicative Module Content, Organisation and Structure

This module will introduce the prophets and their literature, identify the prophetic books and figures to be treated, and indicate where they fit into a wide chronological framework that relates both to Israel and the Ancient Near East. The module will look at the Phenomenon of Prophecy in its various manifestations in the Ancient Near East and in Palestine (Israel and Judah) and at the prophetic figure in the Ancient Near East and in Palestine. It will examine what a prophet is and describe the language of prophecy. It will look at the non-literary or pre-classical prophets (Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, Huldah) indicating their role in Israel and how they fit into the overall picture of prophecy in Israel.

The module will then look at the individual prophets of the 8th century and their social and religious critique (Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah), the prophetic call, the ministries of Jeremiah, Ezechiel and Deutero-Isaiah, the issue of True and False Prophecy, the symbolic acts of the prophets, the Exile; the theme of the new Exodus, and the Servant Songs. It will also look at the book of Daniel.

7.4 Work-based learning and practice-placement (if applicable)

N/A

7.5 Specific module resources required (if applicable)

N/A

7.6 Application of programme teaching, learning and assessment strategies to this module

The content of the module will be delivered in lectures with PowerPoint presentations – all of which will be made available on Moodle. Internet resources will be identified and made available on Moodle. Moodle will also be used to engage learners who will upload PowerPoint presentations on particular topics relating to the prophets.

7.7 Summative Assessment Strategy for this module

MIMLOs	Technique(s)	Weighting
3	Presentation of a selected topic to be uploaded to Moodle and presented	10%
1, 2	Essay of 500-750 words with bibliography	20%
1, 2, 3	Proctored 2 hr exam	60%
	Class participation & discussion	10%

7.8 Sample Assessment Materials

Short Presentations for uploading on Moodle

1. Samuel
2. Saul
3. David on the run
4. Nathan and David and the parable of the ewe lamb
5. The Temple in Jerusalem
6. Assyria
7. Nineveh
8. The Babylonian invasion

9. The Exile
10. The city of Babylon
11. Cyrus
12. The Servant of Is 53
13. The writing on the wall

Essay Topics

1. Symbolic Actions of the Prophets and their Significance
2. A pre-classical prophet - Elijah/Elisha/Nathan
3. The prophetess Huldah
4. The Second Temple
5. True and False Prophecy: how does one recognise a true prophet?
6. The Book of Daniel

Exam:

Sample questions

1. Prophecy was not solely an Israelite phenomenon. Comment on its manifestation in various forms in the Ancient Near East.
2. Discuss the social and religious critique of one of the 8th century prophets (Amos/Hosea /Isaiah/Micah).
3. Explain the Visions of Amos and discuss their role in the Book of Amos.
4. How does one recognise a true prophet? The issue of True and False Prophecy in the Book of Jeremiah.
5. Comment on the call of the prophet Isaiah and compare it to the calls of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.
6. Discuss the context and purpose of the Book of Daniel.

Marking of assessments will be in line with the Marking Assessment Guidelines as outlined in Section 3.3 of the College's [Regulations in Relation to Assessment and Standards](#) unless otherwise indicated.

7.9 Indicative reading lists and other information resources

Indicative Core Reading:

The Holy Bible N.R.S.V. Catholic Edition (London, Darton, Longman & Todd, 2005)

Boadt, Lawrence, *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction*, 2nd edn (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2012).

Collins, J. J., *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2004)

Drane, John William, *Introducing the Old Testament*, 3rd edn (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2011)

Indicative Other Reading:

The Jerome Biblical Commentary for the Twenty First Century (London: Bloomsbury, 2022)

Malchow, B. V., *Social Justice in the Hebrew Bible* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1996)

Petersen, David L., *The Prophetic Literature. An Introduction* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002)

Reddit, Paul L., *Introduction to the Prophets* (Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2008)

The Anchor Bible Dictionary, ed. David Noel Freedman (New York: Doubleday, 1992)

The New Jerome Biblical Commentary, ed. by R. E. Brown and others (London: Chapman, 1990)

Indicative Other Resources:

<https://www.tarsus.ie/>

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