

Interpreting the Hebrew Bible HEBI 60003
3 Credit Hours

Instructor: Ariel Feldman

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content: A graduate level, introduction to the critical interpretation of the Hebrew Bible.

Class Procedures: Lectures, discussions, students' presentations.

Requirements:

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions
2. Weekly reading of biblical and secondary texts
3. Weekly quizzes
4. One in-class presentation with a write-up
5. Midterm Exam
6. Final Exam

Texts:

1. The Bible (Any Old Testament or Tanakh Study Bible)
2. John J. Collins. *A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007)
3. Victor H. Matthews and Don C. Benjamin. *Old Testament Parallels: Laws and Stories from the Ancient Near East* (revised and expanded second edition; New York: Paulist, 1997)

Grading Procedures:

Class Participation: 10%

Quizzes: 20%

Midterm Exam: 35%

Final Exam: 35%