GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2016
Instructor: Dr. Joshua Burns
Course #: THEO 8121
Course Title: Prophetic Books of Ancient Israel

Content:

This course will survey some of the key prophetic texts and contexts of the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament. The course will be split evenly between pre-exilic prophecy and post-exilic prophecy with the aim of highlighting how the experiences of exile and restoration impacted the evolution of Israel's prophetic medium.

Format:

The course will follow a seminar format. Class meetings will feature analytical exercises involving the interpretation of scriptural texts as well as regular reports by students on secondary reading assignments.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- The course requires a research paper approximately twenty pages in length on a topic to be determined in consultation with the instructors.

Language Pre-requisites:

- All reading assignments will be in English. Reading knowledge of classical Hebrew will be helpful to those who possess it.