

1. **Prerequisites:** One year of Hebrew and One year of Greek.

2. **Course Description:** Throughout the course we read Deuteronomy in light of the covenant formulary as a key to unfolding the synthesis of covenant theology represented in the entire book. The methods we apply to the text are textual analysis (Hebrew), literary analysis (Structure), and comparative literary analysis of the relationship between Deuteronomy and the Vassal Treaty Formulary, the Laws of Hammurabi, the law codes of Exodus and Leviticus, and the Abrahamic/Davidic covenantal grants.

The aim of the course is to provide AD students a basis for appreciating the complexity and richness of covenantal theology through the detailed textual and literary analysis of Deuteronomy.

3. **Outcomes:** Students who successfully complete the course will demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

3.1 An understanding of Deuteronomy's employment of the Treaty Formulary for articulating the covenantal relationship between Israel and God.

3.2 A knowledge of Deuteronomy's particular prose style through the study of six chapters of the Hebrew text.

3.3 An appreciation of the literary structure not only of individual passages but of the book as whole.

3.4 A knowledge of the similarities and differences between Deuteronomy and the laws of Hammurabi as well as the collections of law in Exodus and Leviticus.

4. **Assignments:**

4.1 Bi weekly preparations of selected texts for reading in Hebrew

4.2 Major paper Outline with description, method and selected bibliography

4.3 Depending on the number of students, each student presents a seminar of one hour on a specific topic to be determined from the course outline at the beginning of the course. .

4.3 Major paper of 15-20 pages. Due on Friday of exam week, April 9th, 2010.

5. **Grading:**

5.1 Hebrew Readings: 10%

5.2 Major paper Outline or book review: 10%

5.3 Seminar: 30%
5.4 Major Paper: 50%

Texts ordered at Crux Bookstore (Wycliffe College)

Patrick D. Miller, *Deuteronomy, Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*, Louisville: John Knox, 1990. ISBN 0-8042-3105-2

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LECTURES - SEMINARS

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| 1 | Jan 5th | Introduction, Deuteronomy, Deuteronomistic History Theological Strategy of the Deuteronomists | |
| | | | Moshe Weinfeld, Deuteronomy in ABD vol 2 . |
| 2 | Jan 12th | Deuteronomy 1-3 | [Hebrew Dt 1-2] |
| 3 | Jan 19th | Deuteronomy 4-5 | |
| 4 | Jan 26th | Deuteronomy 6-7 | [Hebrew Dt 6] |

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| 5 | Feb
2nd | Deuteronomy 8-9 | | |
| 6 | Feb 9th | Deuteronomy 10-11 | | [Hebrew Dt 8] |
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16th | | <i>Reading Week</i> | |
| 7 | Feb
23rd | Deuteronomy | Vassal Treaty Form, Treaty and Covenant | |
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| 9 | Mar
9th | Deuteronomy 12-25 | Laws and protection of the dispossessed | |
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16th | Deuteronomy 26-28 | | [Hebrew Dt 26] |
| 11 | Mar
23rd | Deuteronomy 29-31 | Theological Strategy of the Deuteronomists | |
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30th | Deuteronomy 32-34 | | [Hebrew Dt 29, 33] |